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Senator's Speech Arouses Much Interest

Begging Should End Says Dr. Fuller

By Ellis A. Fuller

Dr. James P. Boyce, in whose debt Southern Baptists will ever remain, once said, "I have begged harder for the Southern Baptist Seminary than I would have begged for myself had I been starving." The record of his unfailing and invaluable ministry proves the truth of his statement.

But the day of begging for our seminaries ought to be over. Their service to the denomination has been so great that even imagination cannot grasp the full meaning of their ministry. The seminaries are so indispensable in the life and work of our Baptist people at home and abroad that the law of self-preservation demands that Southern Baptists provide for their needs. We must have well-trained leaders. The vigor and growth of our churches, the security and effectiveness of our colleges, the ministry of our benevolent institutions, the success of our mission work depend absolutely upon our leaders. If they are strong, capable, and consecrated, the work goes well. If they are not, the work fails.

Sound denominational strategy demands that the denomination itself survey the needs of the seminaries and provide for them. It is unthinkable that there should be even the semblance of competition among the seminaries. It is also unthinkable that any agency or institution which depends upon the seminaries for its workers should hesitate a moment to take the lead in seeing that the seminaries are properly supported. A state convention recently launched a campaign for a fabulous sum of money for its Baptist college. The executive secretary of the convention said to me as we were leaving the building, "We would not have the ghost of a chance to raise this money without

the pastors or our churches. They are our leaders. As go the pastors, so go the people. The majority of our pastors were trained in your seminary."

Recently a friend wrote me, "I would like to help the seminary, but I am more interested in our hospitals and orphanages." He did not stop to think that the majority of our hospitals and orphanages were founded under the leadership of ministers and not one of them could live without the leadership of our pastors. David Lawrence once said, "Hitler thinks with his blood." Well, we are today suffering the result of such thinking. If we are sincere and serious in our dreams of world conquest in Christ's name, we must be factual and not sentimental in our approach to the future.

Nothing rejoices me more than the
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Petitions Prepared

As a result of Senator George's recent Baptist Hour address people everywhere are aroused to action in behalf of writing religious liberty into any world agreement that may be adopted by the United Nations.

Many are asking for copy of such petition for circulation for signatures. Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, chairman, Public Relations Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention suggests the form of petition as below.

Certainly this is an opportunity to do something practical in the interest of world-wide religious liberty. Circulate this in your church next Sunday and give copies to individuals that they may secure other signatures during the week.

Invite leaders of other denominations to circulate this petition in their services.

If you will forward copy of your petition with signatures to the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, 427½ Moreland Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, it will be transmitted to the proper authorities. To the United Nations in

Conference—Greetings:

WHEREAS, You meet in conference looking to permanent international peace, and

WHEREAS, You will doubtless formulate and adopt an agreement which will serve as a basis of co-operation in international relation-

ships. And

WHEREAS, Complete religious freedom for all the nations of the earth will make a substantial contribution toward permanent peace,

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that we, the undersigned citizens of _____,

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Baptist Hour Speaker



DR. DUKE K. McCALL

Dr. Duke K. McCall, the thirty-year-old president of the Baptist Bible Institute, and popular religious speaker throughout the nation, will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, March 18 (7:30 to 8:00 o'clock CWT). His subject, "Christ's Church Building a Better World," is the tenth in the series of twelve messages on the general theme, "The Call of a New Era."

Dr. McCall was pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church of Louisville, Kentucky, before becoming president of Baptist Bible Institute, and during the period of Dr. Truett's illness and after his death before the new pastor was called, he was most popular as a supply for the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, the largest Southern Baptist Church in the world.

Mr. Lowe, Radio Hour director, further states that, "Looking Unto Jesus," will be the subject of a new Baptist Hour series April through June, which will be heard at the same hour and over most of the same stations now broadcasting the current series.

Juvenile Delinquency Can Be Reduced Parents Urged To Be Alert

By Dr. Norman W. Cox,
Meridian, Miss.

In as much as the home situation is the main source of the juvenile delinquency problem, if we ever make real progress in its solution, we will have to change the present parental attitude which largely creates the condition. We have before us today many proposed solutions. Unfortunately they largely concern themselves with efforts apart from the home. Many of them will do some good. Some of them will prove to be injurious because they are the quack nostrums put forth by people who themselves are lacking in some of the essentials of high character. Our schools, our social organizations, and municipally sponsored recreations and playgrounds offer some help. There are constructive things that they can do that will furnish some helpful values. But, if we really want to cure juvenile delinquency, we need to go back and take God's prescription. He gives us one in the Bible. In Genesis 18:19, we read: "For I know Abraham that he will command (lead) his chil-

dren and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he has spoken of him."

Juvenile delinquency can be reduced 90 percent in six months if the parents, teachers, preachers, church and social workers of America would

The articles on Juvenile Delinquency by Dr. Norman W. Cox, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Meridian, have been printed in pamphlet form and are available at 5c per copy or 25 copies for \$1.00. Some churches and Parent-Teacher Associations are using them for distribution among their members who are parents. They can be had by ordering them from Dr. Cox in Meridian. Cash should accompany the order.

wholeheartedly give themselves to the application of this divine prescription for the cure of the sickness that affects a large percentage of our children and youth. Let us examine it.
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EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE SUBSTITUTE

In compliance with government regulations the Evangelistic Conference scheduled for Clinton, March 5-8, was cancelled.

Under the leadership of Secretary McCall and Directors Bell, Bowen, Johnson, Price, Purser and Hodge a series of conferences were held. They were well attended and created much interest.

In an effort to extend their influence The Baptist Record is giving a summary of the addresses of the directors. They will be found on page 8 of this issue. Read them carefully and prayerfully. Join your pastor in making full preparation to help win 1,000,000 for Christ in 1945.

-Sparks & Splinters-

Every church in the state should try this. For our boys and girls in the armed services and for the Baptist Centennial work this year, we have begun a special prayer service every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, for 45 minutes. It has greatly increased the spiritual atmosphere of our church. We have held it every Sunday since Jan. 1. About 70 people have attended each afternoon. Every church ought to make this sacrifice in prayer during this year. We continue these until victory is won.—H. H. Aultman, Holly Springs.

Macon: From one of our fine boys in the armed forces—and at the front—comes a letter with a money order for \$100 to be applied on the building fund of his home church. Not only fighting to preserve freedom, but making investment in the kingdom of God with his money.

Mississippians will be interested to learn that the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University has voted to confer upon Rev. A. F. Crittendon, pastor, First church, Ponca City, Okla., the degree of doctor of divinity at their next regular commencement.

T. E. Sykes, clerk, Pleasant Ridge church, Oktibbeha county, writes that after hearing Senator George on the Baptist Hour the church voted 100% for religious freedom and also contributed to the Blue Mountain endowment, the Baptist Hospital Campaign and to the Cooperative Program.

Dr. H. Clay Trumbull, former editor of The Sunday School Times, great lecturer, and author of some 30 volumes, in speaking of personal evangelism, declared that he could see more results from his individual work with individuals than from his spoken words to countless thousands and his written words that had gone over the whole earth. Individual work with individuals is hard to do, and many of us are too cowardly to attempt it, but, after all, it is the best way to win men to Christ.—Exchange.

During our revival meeting in February in which J. E. Barnes, Jr., pastor of the Main Street church, Hattiesburg, preached for us there were 36 additions. Altogether since January we have had 40 to come for baptism and 13 by letter. In all the 28 years of my pastorate here at Starkville I am certain that this was the best revival we have had.—J. D. Ray, pastor.

Rev. H. H. Aultman has been pastor at Holly Springs for five months. Offerings have been about \$7,000; additions 47; 20 by baptism. A nursery completely supervised and open at every service has been provided. They now have a registered church library with more than 250 volumes and money on hand to purchase more books. Sunday school and Training Union study courses have been held with 90 awards earned.

New Fellowship church, Jasper

W. E. Lee of Como has resigned as pastor of the Darling church because of ill health. The church had an average attendance of 45 and an increase in church membership of 23 during 1944. The church has grown both spiritually and in numbers during the four years' pastorate of Brother Lee.—Mrs. V. C. Atkins, clerk.

Holly Springs: Our revival meetings begin March 25. Dr. C. B. Arendall of Mobile, Alabama, will be the guest evangelist. Pastor H. H. Aultman will lead the singing.

Heartening Messages is a book of sermons by Dr. Zeno Wall, former Mississippi pastor and pastor of the First church, Shelby, North Carolina, since 1925. Most of these sermons were delivered at the Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference at Clinton. Those who did hear them will want to read them and those who did not hear them will benefit by reading them. The book is published by the Broadman Press. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store. The price is \$1.50.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Ainsworth, former educational secretary at Hunter Street church, Birmingham, Ala., has become educational secretary of the First church, St. Petersburg, Fla. She is a graduate of Mississippi Woman's College and holds her Master's degree in religious education from the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in Louisville, Ky.

The Baptist Record is grateful to Rev. J. A. Terrell for an EVERY FAMILY list from Glading church, Amite county.

Rev. Clarence Palmer is an old friend of The Baptist Record. His latest proof of friendship is an EVERY FAMILY list from Carey Chapel, Marshall county, Knox Teel, treasurer. The 53 names sent will help us toward the 50,000 mark in circulation.

Total offerings in February at Highland church, Meridian, were \$2,468.

Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, Jr., has resigned at Pearl River, La., and accepted the pastorate at Mt. Pleasant church, Bogalusa, La.

A second cablegram has arrived from Russia, signed by Chairman A. I. Zhidkov, Vice-Chairman M. I. Golyayev, and Secretary General A. V. Karey of the All Union Council of Evangelicals and Baptists, expressing further thanks to Southern Baptists for the 175,000 kits already received, and the assurance of their appreciation of our prayers.

Dr. Charles E. Maddry, who continues to serve the Foreign Mission Board as field secretary is now making his home at Apartment 1, 18 Horne street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Pfc. Albert Millard Pitts was a member of Crystal Springs when he was drafted into the army in 1943. He received his training at Camp Shelby before he was sent overseas in June 1944. After serving in Italy he was sent to France and there gave his life.—Reporter.

Will pay highest ceiling price to private owner for good serviceable car with good tires. Any model up to 1941. You can render a good service to the cause of Christ if you can do without a car and let us have it. Write A. B. Pierce, Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi, giving model, description and price.

Several pastors have said that they would send the Record to their members in the armed services, but keeping addresses correct would be too much trouble. The Baptist Record takes care of that trouble. Send us their names and addresses, and future changes of address come to us through the post office department.

There will be a leadership conference for all Training Union officers and leaders at Collins church on Sunday afternoon, March 18. The meeting will begin at 3 o'clock. An inspirational address will follow the conference.

Pearl City church began full-time services February first. The pastor, Rev. W. N. Hegwood is now living at Pearl City.

Iuka: Our four young people's organizations joined in their Week of Prayer for Home Missions and presented it at the Sunday evening hour to a large crowd. About 50 young people took part. A Catholic mother attended because her child attends the Sunbeam Band—"A little child shall lead them." Mrs. Claud Clayton is our young people's leader. Our pastor is R. E. Pate.—Mrs. J. D. Finch.

First Baptist Church, of Crystal Springs, Joe T. Odle, pastor, experienced a great revival the week of March 4-9, with Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., doing the preaching and Rev. Dalton Leath of Owensboro, Kentucky, directing the music. All records were broken in Sunday school and Training Union attendance, and many of the older members said that the crowds were the largest in the history of the community. There were 35 additions, 23 of them by baptism. This church has had 115 additions in the past four and one-half months, 54 of them by baptism.

In last week's Record the March 4 attendance at Training Union for Griffith Memorial church, Jackson, was given as 228 when it should have been 288.

A Woman's Missionary Society has recently been organized at Goss. The ladies seem enthusiastic and anxious to work. They have just observed the March Week of Prayer for Home Missions. A generous offering was made. Mrs. C. E. Rogers is the president and Mrs. Mack Tolar the secretary of this fine group. Mrs. Glenn Smith is sponsor.

Rev. W. W. Kyzar of Columbia did the preaching and B. M. Vaughn of Meridian conducted the music in a recent revival at Goss. M. Glenn Smith is pastor. There were 19 additions, 17 by baptism.

Pleasant Valley, Simpson county: There were 23 additions, 15 for baptism in a revival in February. The pastor, Rev. Herman Milner, did the preaching. The EVERY FAMILY Plan was adopted, a Woman's Missionary Society was organized and money raised to varnish the church and install venetian blinds.

Unity church, Jackson county: The average attendance at the recent study course was 39. The following served on the faculty: Rev. Montie A. Davis, East Moss Point; Misses Connie Marie Crane and Alice Ray Tatum of Watts Memorial church and Erie Norman of the First church, Pascagoula. Although less than six months old this Training Union has an average attendance of 90.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: W. L. Green, Crystal Springs; Rev. Ray F. Dykes, Meridian; Rev. C. Z. Holland, Canton; Rev. G. W. Smith, Harpersville; Rev. Harold C. Clower, Boyle; Mrs. Ray Chapman, Rena Lara; Rev. H. W. Roberson, Lexington; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Philadelphia; Rev. D. W. McLeod, Florence; Jack Yancey, Bruce; Miss Lois B. Moore, Memphis; Mrs. Juanita Page, Baptist Orphanage; Rev. J. H. Hammett, Crystal Springs; Rev. S. G. Pope, Enon, La.; Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Eubanks, John Roy Eubanks, Jr., Greenville; Rev. H. A. Milner, D'Lo.

Bala Chitto church, Rev. C. O. Stegall, pastor, increases The Baptist Record subscription list with an EVERY FAMILY list of 22.

Dr. J. E. Dillard, director of promotion of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, has returned to his home in Nashville, Tennessee, from the Baptist Hospital in Memphis, where he went for an operation ten days ago. The operation has been deferred indefinitely. However, he may be unable to return to work for some time.

The First church, Pontotoc, has voted to contribute \$50 per month to the support of an associational missionary for Pontotoc and Calhoun counties.

Dr. B. Frank Smith, pastor, First church, Magnolia, has sent us a copy of a letter he sent to the Anti-Defamation League declining their membership invitation. Space and paper rationing prevent publishing all the letter. We quote the first paragraph: "Thank you for your invitation to become a member of the Christian Friends of the Anti-Defamation League. My reason for declining this gracious gesture is that, as a Christian I am already a member of the one God-ordained and only effective or necessary anti-defamation league which is the brotherhood of persons redeemed by the atoning death of God's own Son, 'slain before the foundation of the world' for the purpose of establishing peace between God and man and between man and man."

Summerland: Rev. Barney Walker preached for us during our spring revival. He came to us at a time when we needed him. The attendance during the revival was good and our people were greatly helped by Brother Walker's preaching.—Nannie Bryant and Mrs. Joe Moore, reporters.

Rev. N. S. Jackson, State Anti-Saloon League superintendent, has sent The Baptist Record a copy of the bulletin for the first quarter of 1945. It deals knockout blows to the liquor business. Those wishing a copy should write him at 170 Frederica Street, Jackson, Miss.

The author of "Born Crucified" says, "This book is written to show the believer that, from the moment he is saved, he is so related to the Cross that if he henceforth fails to live by the Cross, he is an utter ethical contradiction to himself and to his position in Christ." The author is L. E. Maxwell, principal, Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada. The Moody Press, Chicago, Ill., is the publisher and the price is \$1.75. This book touches upon the most vital parts of the Christian's daily life. It is a most helpful book. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.

The Sunflower Baptist Church was blessed with a great spiritual uplift during the week of February 18-23. Thirteen candidates were received for baptism. Dr. G. Norman Price of Indianola did the preaching. W. R. Burris and Mrs. W. M. Curry led the singing with Mrs. C. K. Holland as pianist.—Church reporter.

Rev. David Cranford, pastor at Charleston, has received the following letter from Senator Tom Connally concerning the charge made by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius: "Dear Rev. Cranford: This will acknowledge your recent communication with regard to the case of Dr. Newton. May I advise that when Mr. Stettinius returns from Europe, I shall be glad to take up this matter with him with a view of a proper adjustment. With best wishes, I am Sincerely, Tom Connally."

Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

"HE BROUGHT HIM TO JESUS." John 1:42.

We are happy to give you comparative figures for February of this year and last year as follows:

	Cooperative Program	Miscellaneous	Now Club	Totals
1945-February	\$35,454.29	\$62,311.50	\$ 135.02	\$97,900.81
1944-February	29,642.85	20,779.04	7,113.57	57,535.46
Gain-Loss	\$ 5,811.44	\$41,532.46	(L) \$6,978.55	\$40,365.35

You will note that an increase in Cooperative Program contributions is experienced even with heavy special campaigns running. A little Now Club money continues to come in and this goes to Christian Education. A very nice gain for the month is noted in the total of \$40,365.35.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!

A few years ago well over 300 Mississippi Baptist churches were giving nothing to the work of Christ, beyond the local church, and over 500 were giving nothing through the Cooperative Program to His work. We have made real progress here as only 172 of our 1550 churches did nothing along this line in 1944. Why the 172 doing nothing? Jesus died for these as well as the others! Jesus commissioned these as well as the others! Shame on a pastor, deacons, and church members who classify as "do nothing" Baptists! However, we repeat, great progress was made. This was because of the loyalty of pastors, members, all workers, all departments, and denominational helpers.

On the other hand for several years 300 of our Mississippi Baptist churches have won no one to Christ and baptism so far as the record goes. Despite all our pastors, members, departments, and denominational work, we still have 300 churches—one out of every five—going a whole year without winning one to Christ, and baptism. Shame upon all of us! Study your association for each of the last few years and see how it has been with you. You will, or should, find the record in your association minutes. Let us do something about this for Christ's sake.

"HE BROUGHT HIM TO JESUS." John 1:42.

We like questions and answers about the work of the Lord Jesus. We have had many such questions directed at us on many occasions. We have been delighted to give such information as we possessed. We hope lovers of the Lord Jesus and the lost keep them coming!

Once in a great while a person not altogether friendly to our work has asked a question or two. Always such question has been about "overhead," salaries, etc. Never one time has such a critic asked about the winning of souls to Jesus, building up His church, the prayer life of our office force, the church loyalty of office helpers. Is the critic asking the question that means most to him—MONEY? We are admonished in the Scriptures to pray for one another. The critic never says warmly, "I am praying for you!" "I show you a more excellent way"—that is what we need from Christians. We don't expect it from the lost nations of the earth.

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In these trying days we ought to use all resources at hand in the work of our Lord Jesus Christ—we may call upon God—we may count upon God! Christ is our Captain! The Holy Spirit goes with us! We have the word of God, prayer, Christian fellowship, "working together," the church, Sunday school, missionary society, Training Union, Brotherhood, prayer meeting, study course, revival, school of missions, Vacation Bible school, preaching, soul winning, missions, our institutions, association, State Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, conferences, assemblies, agencies, boards, committees, et cetera. We just need Christ to possess us, the Holy Spirit to fill, and go in the doing of His work! TO THE WORK!

"HE BROUGHT HIM TO JESUS." John 1:42.

Someone was recently talking about the trend of schools away from religion and toward worldliness, as profanity, dancing, license, drinking, etc. In many places, of course, the five week days belong to the school, and God and religious services are ruled out. Children are too busy studying, they say, for revival services and what not. We observe most of them do not ruin their health from study, neither did their parents, nor teachers.

Again, a teacher was extolling to the class the contributions of the Catholic church during the dark ages. A wise head observed there would have been no dark ages, but for the Catholic church keeping the Bible and learning away from the people.

Again, it was observed the text content has deteriorated. Better pupils have not been produced.

We heartily agree to all of this, but thank God for teachers who blessed us, and for teachers today who are consecrated Christians!

The First Baptist Church, Jackson, has had a remarkable growth and stands as a leader among the churches of the South. Dr. W. A. Hewitt has been a great leader for these years. He and Mrs. Hewitt are an ideal pastor and wife. The church is free of debt. A great dedicatory service has just been held. We had the privilege of bringing the message Sunday evening. Five additions.

Delighted to meet with the Montgomery County Association Mission Committee. They plan for a missionary. State Missions help here again.

The prayer meeting group at Winona gave us a good hearing. Pastor and Mrs. C. B. Hamlet, III, are happy in the work.

Large congregations at Southside, Meridian. Two for baptism. All departments are functioning here. Pastor B. S. Vaughn has proved a real shepherd.

The Plantersville saints came to church despite floods of rain. It was good to be there. Pastor McFarridge, a capable leader, goes to Coldwater as pastor.

Rev. Virgil Davis, "somewhere in Europe," sends five dollars for the hospital expansion campaign.

"Not All That Glitters," by Louise Harrison McGraw, is an interesting volume which will widely attract the attention of young people especially. Gail, the heroine of the story, is a young girl, who knows what it means to live for Christ, and the joy that comes to one who follows "in His steps," and by so doing influences her associates to know her Saviour too. Get this from your Baptist Book Store, price \$1.25.

"WHAT WE NEED IS FERTILITY OF SOUL"—Dr. Lee.

"Don't cry, Mother."

The tall, gangling, six-foot-five boy with the size 13 shoes took his little mother in his arms, bent down and kissed her.

"After all," he told her, "I want to do my part. Don't cry."

The boy went out with his father, who was driving him to the station. He had to stoop to get his big frame in the snug coupe.

"How Many Worship?"

"What's it all for, Dad?" he asked.

"They tell us it is for freedom of worship, Son."

"Oh, yes," the boy replied, "but how many worship?"

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, told this story about his 18-year-old son to Memphis Rotarians yesterday.

"It is one of the disgraces of America," Dr. Lee said, "that we let our boys die in battle without spiritual ideals."

"We are fighting for freedom of worship. That is too often translated to freedom from worship."

"We are fighting for freedom of speech. Too many of us have nothing to say."

"What do we profit," Dr. Lee asked, "unless we see our nation on a spiritual basis, in our lives a spiritual rootage and in our homes a spiritual entity?"

"Fertility of Soul"

"We are certainly doomed unless we turn to the spiritual," he said. "If we are going to have a spiritual basis, what we need, more than an army and navy, more than modern science, is fertility of soul to plant ideals, purposes and hopes so we won't hand down blood bequeathed legacies reduced in quality and quantity."

"You can talk about your science but this is more and bigger than modern inventions," Dr. Lee declared. "We need to put our communities on a spiritual basis, give our loyalty to the churches of God."

"Closeness of Man, God"

"Science can tell us much but it cannot tell us how close a man can be with God. It cannot be with us at death."

"The blue and gray are one. They have met on the fields of France and may the spirit of God be with them all as they advance under the Flag."

—Press-Scimitar.

MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

March 19—Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Neshoba County Missionary; A. A. Mills, Scott County Training Union Director.

March 20—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Recording Secretary, W. M. U. of Mississippi; Rev. Guy Little, Simpson County Training Union Director.

March 21—H. B. Boutwell, Adams-Franklin Board Member; Rev. H. A. Milner, Rankin County B. T. U. Director.

March 22—Miss Clara Etta Berry, Assistant Dean of Students, Blue Mountain College; E. G. Palmer, Clarke County B. T. U. Director.

March 23—Rev. G. C. Hodge, Gulf Coast Board Member; Miss Imogene Tucker, Director, Lauderdale County B. T. U.

March 24—Greek Rice, Trustee, Mississippi, Mississippi College; E. C. Cooper, Newton County Training Union Director.

March 25—Home and Foreign Mission Day in Sunday Schools; V. L. Bassett, Perry County B. T. U. Director.

SOUTHWIDE SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OBSERVED IN PANOLA COUNTY ASSOCIATION

All Pastors Present

Large delegations from the Baptist Sunday School in Panola county met in the Batesville church, the evening of March 6. The large group was earnest, enthusiastic and spiritual. Every Baptist pastor in the county was present.

Deacon L. R. White, the associational director, presided. He presented

REV. PAUL N. HARLAN ACCEPTS SYLVARENA AND CAMP GROUND CHURCHES

Rev. Paul N. Harlan of Elliott, Miss., has been called as pastor of Sylvarena and Camp Ground churches in Yalobusha county, which he has accepted, giving him full time work. Rev. Harlan was ordained last year, having had some college work in Clarke Memorial College, Newton, Miss., some years ago. He is now taking work from B. B. I., New Orleans, La., by correspondence. Every preacher should and can have some training and Bible study in our great colleges and our great seminaries and help themselves and bless the people in a greater way than they can without these special privileges of study.

Brother Harlan believes in our mission work through the Cooperative Program and will lead both these churches to have a stipulated budget and give regularly through the Cooperative Program.—E. D. Estes, Enrollment Pastor.

a well-arranged program. Those who spoke showed evidence of having given serious thought to the subject assigned them. Many of the classes crowded the Sunday school rooms in which they met.

Much of the success of the meeting was due to Mr. White, the associational director. He is indeed taking his job seriously. Panola county Baptists are on the march.

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WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOALS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. A summer assembly.
3. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
4. Two rural evangelists instead of one.
5. A full-time Indian worker.
6. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
7. Associational missionaries.
8. Enlarged soldier work.
9. The Baptist Record in every home.
10. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.

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CLOSED TOMORROW

Holidays are not observed as often as in pre-war days, but February had a large quota. We see the sign "Closed Tomorrow" on bank doors, post office windows and occasionally on store doors. Procrastinators that we are, we find ourselves without money, because we did not go to the bank; without stamps for our letters, or in need of groceries and the stores closed. Little do we realize how many days and hours places are open for business. The hours they are not open are the ones that impress us, and the times our needs seem greater.

God has given us not only physical life, but to all who will accept, He offers eternal life through faith in Christ. The offer in His word is universal and Christians are commanded to proclaim the good news. If people realized the offer was for a limited time they might rush to receive it, as buyers at a bargain counter. God's word says, "Therefore, be ye ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." The

door which death opens, closes on the opportunity to accept Christ's gift of eternal life.

Non-Christians do not realize the significance of the closed door. It is Christian people who having been saved from the penalty of sin should realize the awfulness of eternal separation from God.

Dr. Stanley Jones in his book "Abundant Living" says, "Christians are people who care for people who do not care."

How much do we care that people are lost? For many the doors will be "closed tomorrow." Death is an enemy to lost people, but a friend of the saved through whose door we go into the presence of God.

Southern Baptists have a goal during this Centennial Year of one million souls for Christ. Do we as Christians care for the millions who do not care? Can we with the facilities at hand show our unsaved neighbor that time is short, that our eternity is determined by the decisions we make in the flesh. No one knows when the Lord will come again. Will we be like the ones who read the signs, "Closed Tomorrow" and fail to make ready? Many are depending upon us to tell them of the signs.

Our responsibility is the telling of the gospel. Some will accept the offer, others will put off making the decisions one day too long. Not only war but auto accidents, floods, tornadoes and disease take their daily toll of human lives and for them the signs read "Closed Tomorrow."

"Now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2). Baptists, do we believe that? Will 1945 prove that we believe it?

—BR—

SUNDAY SCHOOL GOALS ARE CHALLENGING

The Sunday school in any church is its enlistment agency. It is also the soul-winning agency of the church. Leaders from all over the South recently agreed to launch a centennial program and their goals are challenging, definite, worthy and attainable.

The goals, 10,000 enlargement campaigns early in 1945, 10,000 more Sunday schools, 15,000 more extension departments, 10,000 more Cradle Rolls, 25,000 more classes and 5,000 more departments present a mighty challenge.

Enlargement campaigns early in the year will present a challenging goal as the possibilities for the every church community that takes a census. The religious census is the first step in an enlargement campaign. The tabulated results should present a definite program for enlistment and evangelism.

There are always two Sunday schools on the outside of a church

for the one on the inside. That is a way of saying there are twice as many unenlisted as we have enlisted. A list of names and addresses given to workers will make for definite visitation, whereas the casual "Everybody bring someone else next Sunday" is ignored by 99% of the people. In many church territories there is a definite need for mission Sunday schools and the census will reveal the location needed. Enlistment is a worthy goal for our Sunday schools.

With the large number of war workers and the many whose jobs require working on Sunday our Extension Departments need to be increased. With the increased birth rate, the number of workers in the Cradle Roll departments need to be increased to make more than one department unless the church is very small. Many churches do not have their first Cradle Roll department. These are worthy goals for every Sunday school. Parents may become interested and unsaved parents may find the Saviour because some worker from the Cradle Roll department visits the home to enroll the new baby on the Cradle Roll.

Even though war has had its effects in our Young People's departments, we have adults who if enlisted would make the goal of 5,000 more departments seem small. This goal we realize is chiefly for non-department Sunday schools, but many churches need more than one of each of the eight departments.

More enlargement campaigns, departments, classes and Sunday schools are possible in every church community. The program may be launched through an associational city-wide or local church program.

Begin in your own church to set goals and to launch a program that will help Southern Baptists to attain these goals which are a mighty challenge to every one of us.

—BR— OUR TASK

We do not remember where, but recently some speaker used the following suggestive outline which we pass on to our readers with the prayer that it will help them as much as it did the writer.

Speaking of the Great Commission he said:

1. Make converts.
2. Make Baptist converts.
3. Make good Baptist converts (teach).

—BR—

A club of subscriptions has been received from Rev. David Byrd of the Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. It includes all the Mississippians enrolled there.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

TEMPERANCE

Temperance, in our opinion, can be sold the American people the same as radios, washing machines, soap, cosmetics, cigars, cigarettes, vacuum cleaners, war bonds, liquor and automobiles are sold—through advertising.

In each case the best skill of advertising artists, copy writers and printers art is used to create interest, desire and stimulate buying action.

Too often the cause of temperance is presented ineffectively. The present day world wants to be sold on the thing it uses. It has developed the habit of waiting to be sold. It seems to say by its action "Sell me on your product; what advantage will owning it bring to me?"

Whatever the reason back of it the idea has been carried out by advertising agencies artists and copy writers until the most beautiful and attractive portions of many of our leading magazines are given over to advertising.

One of the problems that is facing the earnest group that is working for the temperance cause is that they are unable to reach enough people with their message. They get to their audience but occasionally while the liquor sellers are constantly selling their product through display advertising and over the radio.

There are many fine and attractive things about temperance around which present day copy writers and advertising artists could build a winning sales talk. For example, temperance—

- Helps save money,
- It brings health,
- It produces good homes and happy families,
- It conserves the workman's skill and keeps his nerves steady and his eyes clear,
- It buys new homes and new furniture,
- It buys new automobiles,
- It gives vacation trips,
- It finances the education of boys and girls,
- It buys insurance that brings security to the home after the provider is taken,
- It makes a successful man of the tramp and bum.

What more could clever advertising artists and copy writers want for a theme? They could show these things graphically. They could show the drinker who dribbles away his income, who robs himself of his efficiency, that intemperance is the rat hole into which smart men do not pour their savings. They could sell the idea that there is nothing smart about drinking liquor and nothing intelligent. They could sell the idea that it is smart business for any man to leave liquor alone—to live a temperate life.

Such a program would cost money to be sure but we believe that such a program would attract financial support. It would be meeting the enemy on equal grounds and that is where, if the best results are to be attained, he is going to have to be met.—The Meteor, Crystal Springs.

—BR—

Linn: Rev. David Grant led our spring revival. There were 18 additions.—Mrs. E. C. Cotten, reporter.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE Y. W. A. OFFICERS



Front row: Jean Parker, Jackson; Tylertown; Beatrice Walley, Richton. Helen Moffett, Laurel; Ernestine Back row: Avonelle Stevens, Corinth; Cooper, president, Morton; Jean Furr, Anne Dennis, Jackson; Pauline Armstrong, Georgetown; Minnie Mae Lennep, Pascagoula; Mary Jean Berry, Prentiss; Lou Case, Canton; Bettie Wren Breeland, Tylertown.

SENATOR GEORGE'S

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do whereby earnestly petition your august body to incorporate into such world agreement, an article guaranteeing religious freedom to all peoples of all nations.

WALDRUP SENDS ANOTHER LIST

A few days ago Rev. M. C. Waldrup sent an EVERY FAMILY list from Bethel, Amite county. He seems hard to satisfy. Another list has been received from his other afternoon church, Zion Hill, Amite county.

GOODYEAR CHURCH WILL SEND RECORD TO SERVICE MEN

Pastor J. Harold Jones of Goodyear church of Picayune writes as follows:

Rev. A. L. Goodrich, Editor
The Baptist Record
500 East Capital Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Brother Goodrich:
Last night Goodyear church voted unanimously to send the Record to men of the church now in uniform. This will become a part of the EVERY FAMILY Plan now used by Goodyear.

The names will be sent to you within the next few days. This is a request that you "reserve" us 33 places on the Record mailing list before it is "frozen."

Your efforts are certainly being rewarded both with the circulation and contents of the Record.

A group from overseas now stationed at Keesler Field, Biloxi, came into the Recreation Center of First Baptist Church and later into my office for New Testaments. One of this group seemed to feel bitter at heart, but when they had received the New Testaments we joined hands in the circle for prayer, and each one prayed—one a Catholic prayer. When we came to the last one in the circle he said, "I have never prayed in my life. I don't know how." Who failed to teach this man to pray? Proverbs 22:6.—Elizabeth Pickering, Hostess, First Baptist Church, Biloxi.

Miss Georgia Mae Ogburn, Meridian, principal of the W. M. U. Training School in Chile and president of Chile's Y. W. A., who was graduated from Blue Mountain College in 1938, is expected to arrive in the States this week for her first furlough.

BEGGING SHOULD

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greatly improved financial condition of our denomination. Practically all of our great churches are out of debt. Many of them have large cash surpluses on hand. Our mission boards and institutions are out of debt. Great campaigns have been launched for state institutions. It is said that the total amount now being raised by states for the state institutions is approximately twenty-five million dollars. I rejoice in this. How wonderful it will be as we enter upon the post-war period at the beginning of our second century to be able to say that we have lengthened our cords and strengthened our stakes throughout our southland. This progress makes the seminaries more necessary. I know that Southern Baptists will take care of the seminaries in due time.

We recognize that this day of unparalleled prosperity will not last always. This is a day of days to patch up old fences and to build new ones. What strength God is giving us to launch a new century for Christ! But our seminaries are left out. The denomination is doing little to help the seminaries to secure funds for capital improvements. The prospective April offering will not provide adequate funds to meet their urgent needs.

The per capita contribution of Southern Baptists to the Southern Seminary through the Cooperative Program is hardly two pennies. It is not difficult to understand why we are having to teach nearly 900 students—future missionaries, pastors, and denominational workers of all kinds—with only twelve faculty members; why 285 couples with their children (perhaps 600 persons in the entire group) are forced to find living quarters at great inconvenience and extra cost in various sections of the city; and why we have to herd them in large classes in limited classroom space to teach them.

The Cooperative Program, after a slump in our wartime prosperity, cannot supply us with sufficient operating funds, much less supply funds to erect new buildings. I am not worried. I am not begging. I am merely pointing out the facts. I know Southern Baptists will provide for the seminaries, and pray that they will not delay. Without manpower, there cannot be any effective rehabilitation of our mission fields after the war.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

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The text tells us that God's cure is in fathers and mothers who will command (lead) their households after them in the ways of integrity and reverently righteous living. The effectiveness of this prescription is proved by the results it has produced during the last forty centuries wherever it has been applied honestly. Occasionally, but very rarely, a delinquent child is a product of a Godly home. Children of such homes sometimes during adolescence take a little detour into reckless living, but almost without exception they come back to the path of rectitude. The investigations that social, legal, and religious workers have made reveal that 99 percent of juvenile delinquents come from homes in which fathers and mothers have failed to lead their children in the way of the Lord. If one would subtract from the total number of American childhood and youth those who are reared in homes where there is a positive effort to lead them in the Christian way, we would have left approximately half or less of the total childhood of the nation. Those who become a social menace and get into trouble with the law are from the less than half who do not have the advantage of Christian parents.

It is not easy for fathers and mothers to use God's prescription for the cure of juvenile delinquency. In order to use it, they must personally qualify themselves. They must personally exemplify the pattern of Godly living in sincerity. They must themselves walk in the way of the Lord in personal rectitude and diligently teach their children the truth of God. They must be honest in their efforts.

It is almost impossible for a parent to get a child to love unselfishness if the father or mother is selfish. The same applies to church going, to reverence, to honesty, to the resistance of temptation, and to the abhorrence of evil. If then, as a parent, I am able to influence the attitude and thinking of my children, I must, while they are very young, impress them with the fact that I sincerely believe in and have a steadfast love for the Godly way of life. I cannot be indifferent and expect them to be other-

This manpower must come from our seminaries. Dr. Rankin's recent call for one hundred new missionaries will be in vain unless our seminaries supply them.

CHURCH GROUP WANTS TAX LAWS AMENDED

Reading, Pa.—(RNS)—Amendment of income tax laws governing incomes of \$5,000 or less to permit a 15 per cent deduction for contributions to churches, charities, and educational institutions was advocated at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Council of Christian Education here.

Simplified tax legislation, effective next January 1, provides for an automatic exemption of 10 per cent for charitable purposes, whether or not the taxpayer makes such contributions, a change which the council declared "will result in a loss of millions of dollars to these organizations."

wise.

Children have a keen insight. They watch their parents with respect to their real attitude and motives. They react to their judgment of their parents. Therefore, if fathers and mothers would successfully use God's divine prescription to immunize their children against the seductive sources that create the sickness of juvenile delinquency, they must, like Abraham of old, "lead his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment."

Of course, the schools, the social workers, the juvenile court workers, and the churches need to be alert and active in doing what they can to repair the damage that home failures have done to childhood. There is much to be done and that ought to be done by those groups, but fundamentally we need every means at our disposal to keep up an insistent propaganda which will focus the attention of parents, society, and the nation on the fact that effective prevention primarily belongs to the home.

The rewards in leading one's household in the paths of righteousness are rich and satisfying. They bring joy beyond any pleasures that otherwise could be had to the parents and children in the home. Wherever there is a household that orders its life in the way of the Lord, there one will find a family that makes a home enriched by real happiness.

There are fathers and mothers who neglect their children in order to make money. Their children can go to the devil while they get some cash with which to finance their plunge into iniquity. Their family would be much wealthier if they made less money and devoutly gave their time and attention to the leading of their household in the way of the Lord. What they would be able to give their children thereby would be of more value to the children themselves and the family itself than tens of thousands of dollars that are got to buy fuel to build a fire for their destruction.

The rewards of leading one's household in the way of the Lord are rich in value to the family of one's neighbor. Such a family becomes a spiritual haven in the lump of the community's life. Its influence helpfully penetrates the lives of other families.

Surely the urgent needs of our days call for every father and mother in America to try God's way. The fact that God's way is the only really constructive formula of prevention should stimulate all those who are concerned about this problem to do their utmost to recognize clearly that it is the one effective solution of it.

(Continued next week.)

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

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Special Notice Picture Posters No Longer Available

The picture poster of Home Board missionaries and other workers is no longer available. It became necessary to discontinue printing this poster for two reasons:

- (1) The paper shortage has seriously curtailed the amount of paper available for promotional material; and
- (2) The total Home Board personnel, now numbering over 550, has grown so large that it is practically impossible to bring out a picture sheet of all the workers which would show up to advantage on one poster.

Our State W. M. U. Convention scheduled for April 3-5 will not be held. The local committee of the Executive Board in session today authorizes this statement. As you can well see, that puts greater responsibility on each officer in our Woman's Missionary Union. We appeal to you to study carefully and prayerfully all the plans set forth for this Centennial Year and that you plan well for the carrying out of these plans in your society and with your young people.

Last December, upon recommendation of the district chairmen, it was decided to make plans for our district meetings in this year. That is most fortunate since we will not be able to meet in convention. These meetings are scheduled for the last two weeks in October! (places and dates will be sent later in the year). It is hoped that all annual W. M. U. associational meetings will be held prior to these dates. We expect to have two excellent out-of-state speakers for these meetings, a Southwide W. M. U. representative and a missionary. We will expect and plan for large groups of our women to be in those meetings.

Margaret Fund

(Report given by Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer.)

Life for the Margaret Fund students is both a quest and a conquest. In the beginning, it is a quest for the learning and wisdom found in literature, art, music, and the sciences. Then beyond that to the most difficult of all achievements—wisdom in human relationships. The crowning quest and conquest in life is evidenced by a complete dedication of self to great causes which glorify God and aim for the elimination of sin, hate, disease, and the mechanized standardization of humanity. As a whole, the Margaret Fund students give their lives to these great verities which outlast life itself.

A strange compulsion has been upon the students this past year. They no longer amble through college days, but have sought in a sort of desperate earnestness to quickly find the common denominator of their lives. Their horizons are worldwide because they are children of world revolution.

During 1944, eighty-six students received scholarships. There were sixty-seven renewal scholarships and nineteen new students. Fourteen were Foreign Board students and five Home



INTERMEDIATE GIRLS' AUXILIARY
Carthage, Miss.

(Left to right, extreme back): Betty Jackson, Frances Skelton, Margaret Ann Kern, Miriam Martin, Pat Shelton, Mrs. H. W. Shirley, pastor's wife; Mrs. W. G. Hamil, Junior G. A. leader; Sybil DeWeese, Intermediate G. A. leader; Johnney Ruth Smith, Nora Jane Reagan, May Jane Shelton,

Board students.

Many of the letters from the boys read, "I am still classified as 1-A but plan to continue in school as long as possible." A few days ago a letter came which read: "I am no longer just plain Campbell McMillan but a far more distinguished and authoritative 'McMillan, Campbell, white, 2645528, HA2c, V-6, USNR.' I was in hopes that I could finish this term at Wake Forest. . . . I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for what the Margaret Fund has done for me." Campbell, like his two brothers, has been a straight A student.

John Shepard in Vanderbilt University was the first student to receive the scholarship granted last September for an added year post-graduate work toward a Master's degree. John Maddox was given the additional year in the Southwestern Seminary because of the new ruling of the committee in September.

Gratitude is an outstanding characteristic of the students. They long to express their appreciation to someone for the scholarship fund. The following paragraphs from their letters show this appreciation:

"These months here have been a great blessing to me, and when I think that I owe it to the Woman's Missionary Union, I feel unworthy but very appreciative before such gracious people."—Mary Culpepper.

"Tonight I had another opportunity to thank a W. M. S. for sending me through school. . . . Linda Hayes and I went to a small country church not so very far from here and spoke to them about the Margaret Fund."—Margaret Mein.

The increase of the Christmas Burney Gift check to \$15 was enthusiastically received. Excerpts from a

Matsy Clark, Mrs. M. D. Reagan, W. M. U. president; Billie Jean Shields, Betty Barnett, Leila Ann Vorhees, June Wilcher, Dorothy Jane Thames, Ann Marie Cotton, Betty Ann Barr, Barbara Ann Jordan, and Nancy Hamil, Sunbeam member and daughter of Mrs. Hamil.

This picture was taken during Focus Week.

few letters express the appreciation of the students for these checks:

"I received my Christmas check from Mrs. Reeves this morning and I want to write you right away and tell you how thankful I am for it. I am really overwhelmed for I was not going to get home until the 20th and I did not know how I could get a job for two or three days to get a little extra spending money."—Adell Woodward.

"I should like to again express my thanks for the Margaret Fund and all that it means to us who benefit in so many ways from it. I wish there were some way to thank all the people responsible for it; for the prayers, the interest, the scholarships, and the Burney Gifts. It was a pleasant surprise to find an enlarged Burney Gift in my mail box, and you may be sure I appreciate it."—Mildred Blackman.

Some of the students spent the holidays on the campus this year. The letters and gifts from the state chairmen did much to alleviate the feeling of homesickness natural under these conditions.

It is always encouraging to see the ultimate results of the scholarships. Sarah Mireles writes, "My sister Lydia is now working under the Home Mission Board in Arizona and she is so thankful for all that the Margaret Fund has meant to her." A letter from Esther Bell in Panama says, "Christmas is over and the Lord surely blessed us. Our Christmas plays at the churches in Panama and in the zone were well attended and enjoyed by all. I am so proud of my twenty-one Jamaican G. A's. They presented a lovely Christmas program, and when the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was counted they had \$11.01. Our goal was just \$5, so they were very happy."

When Benjamin Franklin took his

son to call on the aged Voltaire he asked him to say something of abiding value, something his son would always remember. Slowly Voltaire arose and placed his hands on young Franklin's head and said, "There are two words you must never forget—God and freedom. These two words always go together."

For God and freedom the sons of many families are scattered over the earth. The Mein family is represented by Carey, a private in the Brazilian army and working in the Brazilian embassy. Gordon is in the state department. Robert is still in Italy, never having seen his two-year-old daughter. David expects to marry in April and leave for Brazil soon after he gets his degree. The same is true of the Maddox family. Samuel, Daniel, Paul and Otis are all overseas serving as chaplains and in the medical divisions. The same is true of the young men in the Deter family. For three years Dwight has been interned in the Philippines. Col. Fischer, who escaped from the torpedoed boat last month has written that Dwight was the only man who kept those thousands of prisoners from cracking up. Dwight kept them in good health but above all he had pointed them to God. During the first year they had no medicine or surgical instruments but Dwight made instruments out of tin cans and performed uncounted operations. He brewed quinine from the bark of trees. Dwight left the Philippines last June with a boat load of prisoners bound for Japan and is supposed to be there now. By act of the House, Dwight was made a full colonel last month and now only lacks confirmation by the Senate.

Two home mission Margaret Fund students have made the supreme sacrifice. First, Carroll Parker, a student at Baylor for one year. He was the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Parker of New Mexico. The second was Octavio Hurtis, a student at Texas A. & M. College, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Pascual Hurtis. An engraved card from Octavio's father carried these touching words: "Member of the U. S. 7th Army; fulfilling his duty to the country, returned to his Lord and Saviour somewhere in France on December 10, 1944. With sorrow and submission to our Worshipful Lord Wisdom, we announce it and invite you to a religious service at the Mexican Baptist Church on Sunday, the 7th of January, 1945, at 8 p. m."

Very graphically the poet pictures our young dead:

"The young dead soldiers do not speak
Nevertheless they are head in the still
houses.

Who has not heard them?

They say:

"Our deaths are not ours,

They are yours.

They will mean what you make
them."

The sacrifices of all these young men, alive and dead, will mean what you and I make them. Let us covenant anew that they shall not have been in vain.

Home Mission Board

Trust The Lord And Tell The People

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

rch, 1944

Joe W. Burton, Secretary of Education

Board to Inaugurate Evangelistic Radio Program

An evangelistic radio program in a Sunday evening broadcast covering the Southern states has been authorized by the Home Mission Board, according to Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer.

Approval was given to plans submitted by Dr. Fred E. Eastham of Wichita Falls, Texas, the Board's secretary of evangelism, providing for a thirty minute broadcast each Sunday over a 50,000-watt station. Announcement of the station will be made, Dr. Lawrence said, as soon as the contract has been signed.

Early inauguration of the program is contemplated, Dr. Eastham explained, to give impetus to the present Centennial Evangelistic Crusade aimed at winning 1,000,000 converts to Christ in 1945.

As secretary of evangelism, Dr. Eastham is the joint leader with Dr. M. E. Dodd of Shreveport in the Crusade.

Board Purchases Headquarters Building

Purchase of an office building to be used as headquarters by the Home Mission Board has been announced by Dr. Lawrence. Final consummation of the purchase was effected early in March.

The building is a two-story, fire-proof, air-conditioned structure. A full daylight basement adds a third floor, giving a total square footage of floor space of 25,000. The building is now occupied by the navy.

This is the first time in its hundred years of mission service that the Board has owned its own headquarters, Dr. Lawrence said.

Mission Work Expanded

Thirteen new missionaries have been appointed in the Board's expanding work in cities, rural areas, and among foreigners. In its co-operative work with state mission boards, six rural workers and two city mission superintendents were added, as follows: Rev. Dewey Mann, Jacksonville; Rev. K. P. Puffer, Ponce de Leon; Rev. B. D. Locke, Melbourne; Rev. W. L. Rollins, Ocala; Rev. A. D. Dawson, Jacksonville; Rev. C. L. Wattenbarger, Bonifay, all of Florida; Rev. Herbert Schmitz, Henderson, Kentucky; Rev. Ralph R. Moore, Memphis, Tennessee.

Five other new workers are Rev. Salvador R. Rivera, Mission, Texas, Mexican field; Rev. Clifford Reid, McIntosh, Alabama, Indian field; Miss Lois Jordan, El Paso, Texas, Chinese field; Miss Ruth Goodin, Washington, D. C., government housing project; Mrs. Bette Kira, McGehee, Arkansas, Japanese center.

Home Mission offerings in February totaled \$74,784.72, Dr. Lawrence stated. This was an 80% increase over February, 1944. In two months this year the Board received \$141,754.57, a 50% increase over receipts in the same period last year.

Board Will Co-operate in Secular Press Publicity

A series of messages setting forth the distinctive principles of Baptists

is being offered by the Board for publication in the secular press during the centennial year.

According to the terms in the offer, local sponsors—churches or associations—arrange for the necessary space, either by purchase or donation and the Home Mission Board provides mats without charge. These messages, which are appearing monthly in the Board's magazine, Southern Baptist Home Missions, would occupy a space in the secular press three columns wide by ten inches deep.

It is pointed out that the secular newspapers with their tremendous circulation reach thousands of the people of the world who through the newspaper columns could be reached with the message. The centennial affords a timely opportunity to use newspapers as a means of publishing the gospel.

Inquiries from responsible persons who are interested in this offer should be addressed to Rev. Joe W. Burton, 315 Red Rock Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Bottoms Trust Earns Large Sum

Income of the Bottoms Trust Fund last year totaled \$37,345.95, Dr. J. B. Lawrence has reported. This sum makes a total of over \$469,000 earned by the fund in the past seven years, all of which has been used in the Board's mission work in the South and in Cuba.

New Interest Shown In Chaplaincy

Inquiries from pastors interested in the chaplaincy have quadrupled in the past few weeks, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work.

This increased interest, Dr. Carpenter explained, has grown out of appeals from the army and navy, published in the denominational press, for additional chaplains.

Eleven Southern Baptist ministers entered the chaplaincy the past month. The total number of chaplains from Southern Baptist churches is now above 1,050, Dr. Carpenter said.

Indians Hold Institute

Workers among the Indians of New Mexico and leaders for the Indian churches held a week's institute at the Indian Center in Albuquerque recently with Dr. J. B. Rounds, Home Board superintendent of Indian work, the featured speaker.

The program arranged by a committee headed by Rev. C. W. Stumph, missionary, included doctrinal, Bible study, round-table, and preaching periods.

A Pointed Question

By Grady O. Watson
Missionary to the Deaf

A blind deaf mute asked me recently, "Why have the Baptists neglected the deaf so long?"

He stated that he was a Baptist but had never had the opportunity of attending preaching services, even before he lost his eyesight, more than once or twice a year.

His statement sank deep into my heart. My prayer is that God will give us preachers who will respond to this challenge.

Anxious to Hear

By George Wilson

Indian Missionary in Albuquerque

A devout Catholic asked me if it were permissible for him to come to our services. He was afraid it was just for those who were already Baptists.

We told him that our services were for all the Indians of all tribes and faith, and he promised that he would come.

There are many people in our group like him—hungry for knowledge of the Bible and of God—but afraid to seek after the truth.

Three Historical Books Now Off Press

The third book in the new series on Home Mission history has been brought from the press in the publication of Heroes of Home Missions by Willie Jean Stewart.

The popular children's writer has given ten thrilling stories of the men and women who have made a century of Baptist Home Missions in the South. This book for boys and girls is on sale in Baptist Book Stores.

Early sales on the first volume in the series, Epochs of Home Missions by Joe W. Burton, exhausted the first edition before the book had been on sale a month.

The demand for the second book, The Westward Way, by Amy Compere Hickerson, indicates that an early reprint will also be needed on it.

The set of four books will be completed with a resource volume offering teaching suggestions on the three reading books. This resource book will be on sale shortly.

THE T. T. MARTIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN OUR NEGRO BAPTIST SEMINARY

As the result of my news story in the Baptist press of the T. T. Martin library going to the American (negro) Baptist Seminary at Nashville, I had a \$5.00 gift with the following letter:

Dear Dr. Muse: I knew Dr. Martin. I loved his preaching. I think this is a lovely cause you have started and I want to have a part in it.

Mrs. H. E. Williams,
418 E. 12th Street,
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Mrs. Williams' check goes to Dr. E. P. Aldredge, our Southern Baptist representative on "The American (negro) Baptist Seminary Board."

Dr. Martin talked often about his great passion to build a school for the real training of young negro Baptist preachers.

Nothing could be done to perpetuate his memory that would give him the joy that endowing one or more scholarships in our own negro seminary would give him.

There ought to be 5,000 people whose lives were blessed by that great evangelist to send \$5.00 by next mail! Every penny sent to me for that purpose will go direct to Dr. Aldredge!

A. D. Muse, Evangelist.
1432 S. 28th Street,
Louisville, 11, Ky.



Blue Mountain, Miss., March 2—Clarke College graduates enrolled at Blue Mountain College, foreground, Lucille Bassett, Louin; back row, Shirley Jackson, Natchez; Mamie Booth, Mathison; Frances Kinard, Meridian.

LAYNE AND THARP LECTURES DELIVERED BY GREY AND HOWSE

The Baptist Bible Institute has just completed one of its most successful Home-Coming Weeks. The twenty-second Home-Coming Week began Monday evening, February 26, and continued through Friday evening, March 2.

Since the 1930-31 session, two series of lectures have been combined in one special week during February. Regular classes are suspended, and in addition to the lectures other special courses are arranged in church and denominational activities.

The Layne Foundation was established through a gift of ten thousand dollars by Mrs. Robert Layne of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana. The proceeds of this gift have been used in bringing to the Institute each year since 1924 some man of outstanding ability to deliver a series of lectures. The Layne Lectures were given this year by Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Mr. James H. Tharp of New Orleans, by a gift of five thousand dollars, established the James H. Tharp Lectureship. These lectures have been given each year since 1926 by a prominent layman on the general subject, "The Preacher from the Layman's Viewpoint." Dr. W. L. Howse, professor of Religious Education at the Southwestern Baptist Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas, delivered the Tharp Lectures during Home-Coming Week.

Dr. A. E. Tibbs, professor of Religious Education and Social Ethics at the Baptist Bible Institute, was the faculty lecturer. Phil Harris, secretary of Young People's work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, led the discussions on the general subject, "Getting Ready for the Return of Eleven Million Young People." Miss Mary Christian, Southwide W. M. U. chairman of community missions, spoke Tuesday morning and led conferences each afternoon on Woman's Missionary work.

Holly Springs church contributed \$200. to the hospital campaign and \$218. to the Blue Mountain endowment.

Evangelistic Conference Echoes

Brief Outline of Conference Addresses

OUR SECRETARY SAYS:

When the Evangelistic Conference, Clinton, was called off, we immediately called upon our Crusade directors and our Executive Committee to help us chart a promotional course. The issues before us are too vital for us to lapse into neglecting any of them. They unanimously decided upon nine district Centennial Crusade Conferences. The six phases of this Crusade constitute the heart of the work of God's people through the ages. These phases are: Soul winning, Enlistment, Education, Rehabilitation, Stewardship and Benevolence. We doubt if one may do the work of Christ without their work properly classifying within the scope of one or more of these phases. Therefore, we come with nothing new, but pleading for the revival of God's work along these lines. We come with practically no overhead organization. Dr. Dodd is the only special Southwide worker in this Crusade, and the Executive Secretary and six directors constitute the state setup. We realize the pastor and the church people throughout must do this work if it is done. This includes all of us.

EVANGELISTIC RECOMMENDATIONS

W. A. Bell

1. That all associational crusade committees meet at once and survey their territory for the purpose of locating definite responsibility for each part of the territory in the association so that no part of it will not be thoroughly worked, city-wide and associational-wide revivals being arranged.
2. That every church in every association vote to have from one to two extra revivals in the year 1945, and also agree to let the pastor be away in more revivals than ever before.
3. That the moderator, crusade committee, and pastors of every association devote much prayerful consideration to the churches in the association which reported no baptisms for 1944.
4. That each church survey its territory and sponsor a branch Sunday school and mission daily vacation Bible school.
5. That each church sponsor revivals in homes, halls, tents, brush arbors, school houses, parks, and public squares, and do street preaching at opportune times.
6. That ministerial students be used in church.
7. That all of our churches conduct Sunday school and Training Union enlargement campaigns.
8. That schools of evangelism be conducted in every church.
9. That monthly visitation days be sponsored by each associational crusade committee in which the masses will be visited, personal work be done, and gospel books and tracts be left.
10. That local churches make reports promptly at the close of each month to the associational director of evangelism.
11. That all of our churches make much of "knee time" for victory during all of the year.

SUGGESTIONS FOR STEWARDSHIP

Claud B. Bowen

In our Centennial Crusade this year we must not forget the importance of stewardship. One is amazed to find that there is more talk of money and property relations in the Bible than of anything else. Nearly sixty percent of the Bible deals with these subjects. Dr. Versteeg rightly says that "stewardship is the economic result of the religious experience. No religion, no stewardship—the higher the religion the larger the stewardship. Stewardship is the effect of God's saving grace has no property. It is what happens to mine because of what happens to me."

I would like to offer the following suggestions for stewardship:

1. A stewardship course has great possibilities. A consecrated teacher teaching Christian stewardship can lead many people to see God's claim on our lives and our possessions. Some good books

which may be used in this study course are:

- (1) "When Christ Controls"—Versteeg.
- (2) "The Stewardship of Life"—Agar.
- (3) "The Larger Stewardship"—Cook.
- (4) "This World's Goods"—Simpson.
- (5) "Stewardship Parables of Jesus"—Long.
- (6) "Bible Stewardship"—Dillard.
- (7) "Will a Man Rob God?"—Cushman.
- (8) "Into My Storehouse"—Simpson.
2. At different times during the year pamphlets may be given out in Sunday school classes, in the Training Union, in the church services, or in any other meeting where it is feasible. Some good pamphlets are:
- (1) "Putting Our Possessions to Work For God"—John Jeter Hart.
- (2) "Taxes and Tithes"—Dodd.
- (3) "God's Message to Southern Baptists on Stewardship"—Executive Committee.
- (4) "Shall We Tithe?"—J. S. Compere.
- (5) "God's Financial Plan"—Dodd.
- (6) "If Southern Baptists Should Tithe"—Dillard.
- (7) "Tithes and Offerings"—D. C. Sams.
- (8) "Seven Marks of a Good Steward"—Walter Gilmore.
- (9) "Scriptural Giving"—Clyde Turner.
- (10) "Tale of a Happy Dollar"—Austin Crouch.
- (11) "God's Message to Me on Stewardship"—Barkhalter.

3. Many churches have used a stewardship revival to a good advantage. An outside speaker is invited to come to the local church to lead the thinking and consecration of the members toward Christian stewardship. We who serve as pastors have seen the vital relationship between Christian effectiveness and Christian stewardship. Our soul winners are good stewards. Until a church member realizes his obligations in stewardship there is always a limit to his Christian influence. Much joy in the Christian experience is never found because some church members refuse to recognize God in full stewardship.

4. Stewardship training throughout the year is vital. While we may not preach or teach stewardship every Sunday our convictions on the subject and our practicing the right way of stewardship will permeate and will shine through all that we do or say. If we continue to select officers and teachers who are not good stewards then we need not expect to have a church that does very much about stewardship. "God so loved that He gave," and when we love Him we want to give for His work.

5. Effective stewardship has been brought about in a number of rural churches where tithing has been demonstrated with farm products. If farmers would tithe their production, our rural churches would have fewer financial problems. On the other hand, our rural churches would be able to take a great part in evangelizing the world through our missionary program.

6. A final suggestion is that we introduce our people to the various forms of service which we as Southern Baptists are doing. It is well for us to show our people where the dollar goes in its various parts. To see that we are giving to so many worthy things through our Cooperative Program and through our Mission Boards makes us rejoice that we have a part in the redemption of the world.

BENEVOLENCES AND THE CENTENNIAL CRUSADE

G. C. Hodge

On May 8, 1945, the Southern Baptist Convention will be one hundred years old.

Because of the marvelous way the Lord has led and blessed us through the years the 1200 Southern Baptist pastors and their 5,500,000 members are urged to express their love and appreciation to God by joining and heartily cooperating fully in the Centennial Crusade.

The purpose of the Crusade is to win, during 1945, a million souls for Christ, enlist a million more souls in the service for Christ, teach and train a million more souls for Christian service, revive scriptural giving, rebuild war's wreckage,

and relieve humanity's needs. To make possible the last two objectives it is anticipated that at least \$5,000,000.00 will be given during the year.

Among the agencies in our state to share in this fund will be our Baptist Hospital and our Baptist Orphanage, both of which are located in Jackson, and our Relief and Annuity Board, located in Dallas, Texas.

Our Baptist Hospital is a little more than a quarter of a century old. The superintendent, Mrs. Gilfoy, states that it has graduated and sent out to a suffering world 366 Christian nurses, has cared for more than 200,000 patients, and has been a missionary institution to all who came under its influence.

In answer to the call for \$200,000.00 during December 1944 and January 1945 with which to meet the present minimum needs of the hospital, more than \$250,000.00 have been given. Much more than that is needed, and will be given if Mississippi Baptists are informed as to the needs, and enlisted in the Centennial Crusade.

We doubt if any agency of our denomination is nearer the hearts of our constituency than is our Baptist Orphanage. If, however, the Orphanage is to be improved, enlarged and properly cared for, we pastors and other church leaders must keep our membership informed. We cannot Crown A Century For Christ if we neglect orphan children.

The Relief and Annuity Board has a vital place in our Centennial Crusade. In addition to the financial benefits that shall be given the Board a minimum goal of 2,000 new members has been set.

Every church should be a member of the Minister's Retirement Plan and help through this plan to provide retirement benefits for all our pastors and other church employees.

It should be clearly understood that the three percent of salaries given by the churches and the two percent given by the State Convention Board are not given to nor accredited to the account of the pastors or other church employees, but go instead into the general fund to build up the reserves and endowments of the Board.

Since the churches three percent is not an addition to the pastor's salary the pastor should not feel any hesitancy, or be embarrassed, in requesting his church to enter the plan. When a church enters the plan it helps all pastors and church employees. When a church fails to enter the plan it makes it impossible for the pastor to enter or to receive benefits from the Relief and Annuity Board.

ENLISTMENT AND THE CENTENNIAL CRUSADE

Walter L. Johnson

AN INCLUSIVE TERM—It should be noted that the work of "enlistment" includes, from one point of view, the other tasks in the Centennial Crusade, such as evangelism, stewardship, etc. "Enlistment" seeks to put to work in evangelism, stewardship, and education all church members who are not now enlisted. Further, it seeks to give all the newly evangelized a place in these tasks. So then, all suggestions given in the other departments of work are included as suggestions for the field of enlistment. In addition, we mention some other ideas of proven value.

First, we call attention to the value of securing adequate records in every field of church life, such as church membership, finances, Sunday school, Training Union, W. M. U., and the Brotherhood. It will be found that in whatever sphere one endeavors to do enlistment work, such can be done in the finest way only where there is a record of what has, and what has not, been done. Without records, the procedure will be partial, unsystematic, and inadequate in any phase of our Lord's work.

Secondly, some suggestions for improvement in enlistment are given for the different departments of church life. Lack of space forbids that these be exhaustive.

Church Membership Records

1. Make an index card file of the church membership, placing one name to a

card, and arranging these in Resident, Non-Resident, and Armed Services divisions.

2. Follow a system of regular and periodic membership visitation by the pastor and others for the enlistment of all church members.
3. Utilize the Sunday school as the great mass agency for personal evangelism and the teaching of God's word.
4. Utilize the Training Union as the great mass agency for individual training in the Christian life.
5. Likewise, emphasize the W. M. U. and Brotherhood in their respective fields.
6. Direct the deacons and financial committee in a program of every-member enlistment in stewardship. Put in operation an adequate system of financial records showing the gifts of each individual and of the church as a whole.
7. Utilize the church cabinet for the attainment of a well-rounded church program. This cabinet, including representatives from different departments of the church, presided over by the pastor, should be the over-all planning, coordinating, and directing agency of the church. Its decisions should be presented to the church for adoption, change, or rejection.
8. Include in the church work all aspects of a well-rounded, adequate, constructive church program, local and world-wide. Promote the worship and prayer life, a warm spiritual fellowship, leadership training, music, and wholesome recreation.

A Church Census

1. The correct procedure for a church census is given in the study course book, "Building a Standard Sunday School," by Arthur Flake. This census is basic in any program of church enlistment. It shows possibilities of the community for the different types of enlistment, as well as those for evangelism. It would be difficult to place too much emphasis on a good church census.
2. Let this church census be utilized by the Sunday school, Training Union, W. M. U., and Brotherhood. Recognize the needs which it reveals as a large part of the church task. From the church census let the pastor make his house-by-house and street-by-street visitation list, including local church members, the unsaved, the unaffiliated, etc.

Make the Organizational Life Standard

Probably no other denomination in the world has such a splendidly developed organizational life as do Southern Baptists. Any church which attains the spiritual ends set forth in the programs known as "Standards" is doing a great task. We call attention especially to the Sunday school, the Training Union, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood.

1. Make them Standard.
2. Follow a program for leadership preparation through regular study courses and by other means. Utilize the many study course books of the Sunday School Board as the world's finest in the fields of the Sunday school and Training Union.
3. Utilize the study courses and helps from the Woman's Missionary Union and the Baptist Brotherhood.
4. Link all the life of the church to the larger denominational tasks.
5. Constantly cultivate the truth that only through organization can we reach the greatest number of people with that which is finest.

The Associational Task

1. Make a survey which includes an over-all picture of the location of needed churches, Sunday schools, Training Unions, W. M. U.'s, Brotherhoods, mission stations, evangelistic meetings, vacation Bible schools, etc.
2. Place in operation a constructive and well-rounded program of associational missions.

Conclusion

At present we are engaged in the Centennial Crusade, but the tasks which we have suggested should be part of a continuous program carried on this year

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and every year. In this program we seek to bring the greatest number to Christ and to enlist all who know Him in His service. Ours is nothing more nor less than the program of the Great Commission.

EDUCATION AND THE CENTENNIAL CRUSADE

G. Norman Price

I. Meaning:

By education is meant primarily the program of training and content of instruction of all our existing church organizations. But in a broader sense it includes every Christian influence and instruction from the Christian cradle through the Christian college. Home, church and school must all cooperate at the task.

II. Needs:

1. Education must both prepare soil for and reap the full harvest of our soul winning efforts. (Compare the Great Commission.)

(1) If one million souls are to be won to Christ there must be much teaching and instruction to prepare aright the way for an intelligent acceptance of Christ and all he means for life.

(2) Those who accept Christ as Savior will be sadly neglected in their spiritual development if they are dropped quickly and untrained after their baptism.

(3) If these one million converts are to be enlisted in the programs of our churches and the work of the Kingdom, places must be planned and demands created for their services.

(4) Christian education must teach the believer, new or old, the application of the ethics of Jesus to the complexities of our modern society.

2. Education is the handmaid of not only Evangelism and Enlistment, but no less the vanguard of Stewardship, Missions, and Benevolences. The need of all of these but points to and emphasizes the place and importance of the most efficient and far-reaching program of religious and Christian education we have ever had.

III. Methods:

Suggestions for promoting the work in the churches through the association crusade committee:

1. Let the committee member for education, in conference with associational Sunday school and W. M. U. superintendents and Training Union director, set goals for the association for the year:

(1) Number of training awards (S. S. and B. T. U.) to be earned.

(2) Number of training courses (as, five in some churches, four in others, etc.)

(3) Number of new Sunday school classes and Training Union units to be organized.

(4) Number of Standard S. S.'s, B. T. U.'s and W. M. U.'s to achieve.

(5) Number of branch S. S.'s to be organized (this, and plans for community census, in cooperation with enlistment member).

(6) Number of Vacation Bible schools to be held, and mission V. B. S.'s to be conducted.

(7) Percentage increase goal, and total enrollment goal, in Sunday schools, Training Unions, and missionary organizations.

2. Have each church set own goals, assuming proportionate share of above totals.

3. Ask regular reports from education member of church committees.

IV. Presentation:

Suggestions for procedure in the churches, under leadership of the education member of the church committees:

1. Lead the church to adopt goals as suggested above.

2. Plan with evangelism member a church school of evangelism.

3. Make wide use of tracts on soul winning and personal work.

4. Promote use of church library. Add new books monthly. Encourage reading of books on evangelism, biographies of great soul winners, home and foreign missions.

5. Present to graduating seniors of church the values of a Christian college, sending names to our Baptist colleges for literature.

6. Plan Christian Home Week in May. Lay special emphasis on establishment of family altars.

7. Relate college students to church by using in Vacation Bible schools and Student Night at Christmas.

8. Encourage young people to attend

DEBT FREE CHURCH



First Baptist Church, Vicksburg. Inserts above, left to right, are: Dr. D. Swan Haworth, pastor; Miss Anne Knox, church secretary, and W. C.

FIRST BAPTIST OF VICKSBURG PAYS DEBT

Dedication Service March 11

In 1937 the First Baptist Church of Vicksburg negotiated two loans; one for \$11,000 to cover some current indebtedness and other items, and one for \$30,000 with which to build an educational plant. In 1941 these two loans were combined and a lower rate of interest was arranged. The church has been very faithful in meeting those obligations and on March 5, 1945, the final payment of \$11,220 was made. The original building committee was composed of H. V. Cooper, P. E. Cunningham, J. W. Jordan, Jr., and W. R. Lominick. J. G. Hickman has been the chairman of the building fund committee since the time of the construction of the educational plant. In addition to paying off the debt, the church has made very marked increases in its missionary contributions. The budget for the coming year calls for more than \$11,000 for the Cooperative Program. The church has also made progress in the increase of its full-time staff, which now, in addition to the pastor, includes a director of religious edu-

W. M. U. auxiliary state summer camps, and Training Union weeks at Ridgecrest.

9. All in all, promote the most efficient and effective organizational activity possible by means of a year-around program of training courses, use of Standards of Excellence, and officers' and teachers' meetings.

OTHERS SPOKE

Others who spoke at the various conferences were Dr. Wallace Bassett, Dallas, Texas; Dr. L. G. Gates, Laurel; Rev. John E. Barnes, Hattiesburg; Rev. W. L. Compere, Meridian, and Dr. Frank M. Powell, Tupelo, and Rev. A. B. Pierce, Jackson.

We regret that the manuscript of Dr. F. M. Purser's address did not reach us in time for this issue.

Morgan, director of education and music. Since the above picture was made, Mrs. Eugene Corbin has joined the church staff as secretary of records.

cation and music, a church secretary and record secretary. The membership of the church has also grown rapidly. The present total membership is 1848 with a resident membership of 1270. The church is now making plans for an enlarged building and a committee headed by Dr. I. C. Knox is already planning for a future program.

Dr. D. Swan Haworth is the pastor, having succeeded Dr. Wallace Rogers, who resigned in 1939 to accept the pastorate of the First church of Pensacola, Florida.

Dr. Haworth is a native of Tennessee and an A. B. graduate of Wake Forest College and holds the Ph.D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE ENLARGEMENT PROGRAM PARAGRAPHS

By D. M. Nelson, President

Director J. A. Travis is beginning to move out among the people. His schedule is fast taking shape. His spring itinerary will take him into many of Mississippi's eighty-two counties. He is also scheduling a good many commencement engagements as a public feature. He will deliver the commencement address at Harrisville April 6; Georgetown, April 9; Inola, April 13; New Zion, Tylertown, April 20; Monticello, April 23; Roxie, April 27.

The president of the college is also accepting as many engagements as his other duties will permit. He supplied at the First Baptist Church, Greenville, recently; and spoke at New Albany on Sunday, February 25. He will speak at the LeTourneau Plant, Vicksburg, on March 15, and at the

Hinds Junior College, Raymond, on March 18. He will supply the pulpit at the First Baptist Church, Brookhaven the fourth Sunday in March. On Sunday, April 8, he will deliver the commencement address at Morton; on April 12 he will address the graduates of the Lena high school. He will also render a similar service for the Johnston Station high school on April 20; and on April 24 will attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., of which board he is a member. Other high schools where Dr. Nelson will deliver the graduating address are Wiggins on April 27, and Cruger on May 18. On Sunday, June 10, he is scheduled to speak at the Ackerman Baptist Church in the morning and at Weir on Sunday night.

The enlargement of the library is an item in our program. We have an offer of \$17,500.00 on this project, conditioned on the colleges providing \$20,000.00. With an expenditure of \$37,500.00, therefore, we will have a college library comparable with the best in the country. We are certain that someone will be glad to give the \$20,000.00 when it is known that for every dollar given there will be added almost another dollar more.

We received through the Convention Board office for February the following donations:

First Baptist Church, Pasca-	
goula	\$400.00
Steen's Creek	20.00
Clinton	119.00
Main Street Church, Hatties-	
burg	50.00
Beulah, Jones County	100.00
New Albany	48.00
Lake	5.00
Oxford	121.00
Lena (by Mrs. J. O. Pace)	18.75

We have also received a check for \$300 from Mrs. B. G. Walden of Prentiss, Miss., being a gift of \$100.00 for each of her fine sons, B. G., Jr., and "Roody," and her daughter, Bobbye Lou. B. G., Jr., was graduated in 1937 and "Roody" was in his senior year when he was called into active service with the Mississippi College 155th Infantry Band in 1940. He plans to return to complete his course when the war is over. Bobbye Lou was graduated in the class of 1944. Mrs. Walden was the former Annie Lou Dale, member of a family long prominent in South Mississippi; and many of whose members have been students of Mississippi and Hillman Colleges.

The members of the faculty met in their accustomed place on Wednesday at 10:05 a. m. for prayer for Mississippi College and the success of the Enlargement Program. This practice will be continued indefinitely. If our friends all over the state will join in sending up similar petitions at the same time, we are confident that our success assured.

task will be made much easier and

Among the Baptists elected or re-elected members of the Corporation by the Save the Children Federation at its recent annual meeting in New York City were Dr. Homer P. Rainey, former president of the University of Texas, Austin; Dr. Daniel Russell, A. and M. College of Texas, College Station, Texas; and Dr. George W. Sadler, associate secretary, Foreign Missions Board, Richmond, Va.



Baptist Training Union

BOX 530 — JACKSON, 105, MISS.

AUBER J. WILDS State Secretary
MISS LOUISE HILL Associate
MISS NELLA DEAN MITCHELL, Associate
MRS. L. R. WILLIAMS, Office Secretary

Congratulations to Highland, Meridian, on the election of Mr. J. W. Stewart to the office of Training Union director.

Add three books to your list of missionary study course books: Epochs of Home Missions; The Westward Way; Heroes of Home Missions.

Copiah Association changes plans for this quarter's associational Training Union meeting. Instead of having a mass meeting associational wide, the meetings were held by groups. Group Two had its meeting with the Crystal Springs church with an attendance of 125. Every church in the group had a part on the program.

Mrs. N. H. Eudaly, associational director of Gulf Coast announces the organization of a new union at Sharon church. Mrs. C. Taylor was elected director and Miss Bernice Conn, associate director.

Gulfport First reports splendid progress in their Training Union. "The Executive Committee meetings and the Officers Council are going forward in a fine way," according to a recent report. It usually proves that good planning results in good work.

Sixteen churches were represented in the last meeting of the Jones County Associational Training Union. An attendance of 180 enjoyed a splendid program. Mrs. L. R. Williams of the State Training Union Department was one of the speakers. Miss Bessie Purvis, associational director, reporting the meet-

ing, says: "We are overjoyed because of the interest manifested. This, I believe, is going to be one of the greatest years in our work in Jones county."

Mr. Joe R. Stuart, Pearl River associational director, reports two newly organized Training Unions, Palestine, with Mrs. Minnie Furr, adult president, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Intermediate leader. Carriere, with Mrs. H. Strickland, director; A. C. Pearson, general secretary; Mrs. H. Weinmann, adult president; Mrs. Vancie Peterson, young people's counselor; Mrs. Katherine Morehead, Intermediate leader; Mrs. Leroy Lumpkin, Junior leader; Mrs. D. M. Cherry, Story Hour leader. Rev. Clyde Gordon is the beloved pastor.

First Picayune did it in a big way. The week of January 21-26 was the week for their enlargement program in Training Union. Miss Mitchell, of the State Training Union Department, was the campaign director and reports a splendid week. Fine cooperation on the part of all concerned, a consistent program of visitation was carried on. New leaders were contacted and enlisted. Goals set for the coming months. Director Elmer Crosby and Pastor O. P. Estes rejoice in the results.

PONTOTOC ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

At a supper provided by the Pontotoc church on Thursday night, February 1st, Associational Director Willis Mounce, of Ecu, with several other workers including several pastors, a full set of officers was named for the association, and plans made for a meeting of the association soon. It was the privilege of State Secretary Wilds to be in the meeting. It was fine fellowship as well as profitable otherwise.

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL CREATING NAVY CHIEF OF CHAPLAINS

Washington, D. C.—(RNS)—For the first time in its history, the United States Navy now has a chief of chaplains. The bill creating this new officer, who will have the rank of rear admiral, has been signed by President Roosevelt.

Under the new law, which took effect immediately after the President signed H. R. 1023, the new naval office of chief of chaplains will be in existence for the duration of the present war. However, proponents of the legislation now say they will press for an act that will make the position permanent.

Captain Robert Dubois Workman, Chc. N. S. N., who has been director of the chaplains' division of the United States Navy since June, 1937, is expected to be named the first navy chief of chaplains, but he said here he had received no official notification of a change in status. It is presumed that the notification will come through channels from Secretary of the Navy James A. Forrestal when the new law has been numbered at the Department of State and printed in the Federal Register.

33 GIRLS ACHIEVE DISTINCTION AT BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Dean Ernest H. Cox has announced the honor roll of Blue Mountain College for the first semester. Thirty-three students achieved this distinction. They are:

Jean McCarty, Birmingham, Ala.; Floris Gore, Marks; Arlena Smith, Blue Mountain; Bettie Jane Boland, Tralake; Barbara Ely and Mary Ann Durham, Itta Bena; Frances Gene Hamford, Jackson; June Aurand, Martha Murphy, Jean Shuemaker, Memphis, Tenn.; Louise Freeman, Tucuman, Argentina; Jane Wood, Selmér, Tenn.; Lucile Bassett, Louin; Mary Jo Haynes, Jackson, Tenn.; Mary Bess McFarridge, Plantersville; Lynn Mitchell, Atlanta, Ga.; Cloyce Belcher, Memphis, Tenn.; Gene Boyett, Sallis; Martha Brown, Louisville, Ky.; Kathleen Bush, Pinola; Ethelyn Eudy, Cleveland; Mary Nelle Farmer, Princeton, Ky.; Frances Kinard, Meridian; Daisy Lee Loden, Dorsey; Jean Claire Mills, Kosciusko; Lillian Pearson,

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We take this means of expressing our appreciation to our friends for the sympathy, love and acts of kindness extended to us in our grief at the loss of our husband and father, Grover Cleveland Mize, on February 7, 1945.

We particularly appreciate the services of Dr. Russell and his staff, Dr. Holyfield, Rev. L. G. Sansing, Rev. D. W. Moulder, Rev. Percy Cooper, Rev. Bob Crawford and other friends.

Upon all who sent floral offerings, and messages of sympathy, we pray our Father's richest blessings. These expressions lightened the load of sorrow and again we say "Thank you."

(paid) Mrs. G. C. Mize,
Miss Maxie Mize,
Mrs. Odessa Lee Carter,
Mr. James Etheridge Mize.

RESOLUTIONS

Inasmuch as Rev. Joe Abrams has for the past three years served as pastor of the Artesia Baptist Church and was re-elected for another year, but declined our call to accept a call to Shuqualak church for full time, and

Whereas, Bro. Abrams has served our church faithfully as pastor, working on a constructive and progressive program, unselfishly giving of his time and energies toward a marshaling of the church's strength, bringing cheer into our homes and entering into the life and interest of the community:

Therefore, be it resolved by the church in conference assembled that we convey to Bro. Abrams our deep appreciation for his high quality of service, has devoted Christian life and express to him our confidence and high regard for him and Mrs. Abrams whose charm and dignity have been indelibly stamped upon the church and community.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be presented to Bro. Abrams, one to The Baptist Record, and a copy be spread upon the permanent records of the church.

Done this the 25th day of February, 1945, by the Artesia Baptist Church in conference assembled.

L. A. Clements, Moderator,
Robert H. Cox, Clerk.

Laurens, S. C.; Dorothy Smith, Carthage; Margaret Wilson and Eleanor Langston, Starkville; Dorothy Lee Jefferson, Inverness; Joyce Tyler, Picayune; Miriam Eilers, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Edith McDaniell, Lexington.

county: Upon the recent resignation of B. J. Hamrick, age 80, from the office of superintendent of the Sunday school, the church voted that he become honorary superintendent, with B. M. Williams, acting superintendent. Brother Hamrick has been active in his church for forty years.—D. P. Boggan, reporter.

First Baptist Church, Poplarville, E. N. Sullivan, pastor, has recently sent in the following gifts: \$600 for hospital enlargement campaign; \$100 for Baptist Orphanage, and \$456 special (in addition to regular monthly contributions for the Cooperative Program.

BEGINS SOON

By

MISSISSIPPI PASTORS

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This is the first time in their history that Starkville and Pascagoula First have been on our standard list. The others have been before.

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To one and all of the leaders of these standard units we extend heartiest congratulations for the good work they are doing, and express the hope that 1945 may be by far their greatest year in spiritual history.

Remember, standard units are better!

March 25

March 25 is Home and Foreign Mis-

sion Day in the Sunday school. This is a regular feature on the last Sunday of each March. The idea is to teach, inform and educate us on the great Home and Foreign Mission program of Southern Baptists. The Sunday School Board has sent to every Sunday school superintendent in the South a special program for that day. The leaders of our schools should make definite plans early through their officers and teachers to present the information contained therein in the most helpful manner.

Also, a second feature of this special day is the financial offering for Home and Foreign Missions. Many schools have it as their yearly practice to have a special offering on that day for these two worthy causes and to let it go as an over and above offering. This is a mighty fine practice and we commend it heartily to all our schools and churches. We sincerely trust that Home and Foreign Mission Day in 1945 shall be the best and greatest in every way in Southern Baptist history.

Clarke College

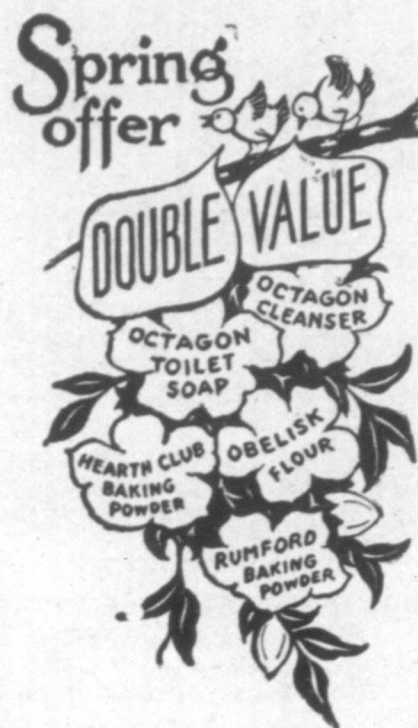
It was our privilege recently to spend some hours at Clarke College on invitation. It was a joy to see the splendid student body and faculty in action and to note the many improvements already made and to see and hear of the plans for further enlargement and improvement.

Dr. Pinson, head of the Bible department, asked us to use one full period with his class to discuss in a very practical way our Sunday school work. It was a joy indeed to have such an opportunity with so many splendid young people who come from a great number of counties and churches in Mississippi.

After we had finished with that, we had the pleasure of conducting the chapel exercises before the entire student body and faculty. They are indeed a fine, interested, sincere, earnest, hard-working group of people who know why they are there and are striving to make every hour count for the most in the development of their lives. They impress one as being there for business.

Dr. Greene, the president, showed us over the grounds and told us of plans for further development of the entire plant. He has large visions of great things yet to come for Clarke Memorial College. We believe thoroughly that there is not the slightest doubt but that the next few years will see a great increase in the student body, many improvements on the present buildings, a great number of additional cottages for married students, and much improvement to the campus and grounds. President Greene is really a dynamo in action. He not only talks Clarke College but he gets out and works at it. His idea is that if they have something there that is worth while for our young people that it is the business of faculty and students to tell the folks about it—and tell it they do.

We express to Dr. Greene and Dr. Pinson our sincerest thanks for the happy privilege we had of spending some hours with them, other faculty members, and their fine group of students.



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MAY QUEEN



Miss Marjorie West, Sardis, right, who will reign as Queen of May at Blue Mountain College in the spring, and her Maid of Honor, Miss Wilma Stewart, Meadville. Miss Stewart is the daughter of Pastor W. C. Stewart.

MISSIONARY DAY AT SOUTHERN SEMINARY SEES MANY VOLUNTEERS

March 1 was decision day for a large number of Southern Seminary and Missionary Training School students who announced their call to service on foreign mission fields, at the close of Missionary Day services conducted by the Foreign Mission Board, in the Southern Baptist Seminary assembly hall.

The souls of faculty members and students alike were stirred as Dr. H. H. McMillan, for a third of a century a missionary in China, and Dr. M. T. Rankin, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, reported on the progress of missions in China and gave graphic accounts of the dire spiritual and material needs of this war-torn nation.

"God is overruling in the present war to advance His cause in China," Dr. McMillan declared. "The upheaval of war will turn out for the furtherance of the gospel," he continued, predicting that post-war China will offer Southern Baptists and other evangelical Christian mission forces "the greatest missionary opportunity since Pentecost."

Persecution and Privation Have Helped

The persecution, privation, and devastation that war has brought to China has resulted in an almost unbelievable extension of Christianity in that nation, the number of Christians in China now being approximately 3,000,000 as compared with 1,000,000 in 1934, Dr. McMillan said.

Speaking on "The Urgency of the Task of World Missions," Dr. Rankin said, "As Christians and Southern Baptists we must come into a new sense of the urgency, and of the critical importance of missions, if we are to meet the needs of a world in desperate circumstances."

Pointing out that Southern Baptists, numbering five and one-half millions, have only 500 foreign missionaries, Dr. Rankin said, "This kind of faith will not meet the fierce realities of world need."

Baptists must put more money and more men and women into the missions program, Dr. Rankin said. The



DR. HUGH BRIMM
DR. HUGH BRIMM ACCEPTS
FLORIDA PASTORATE

Dr. Hugh Brimm, native of Memphis, Tennessee and alumnus of Mississippi College began his work at Quincy, Florida, a few months ago. During his college days he served as pastor at Farmhaven Baptist Church and later as assistant pastor at Calvary church, Jackson.

A member of the first group to lead out in youth revivals in Mississippi, Dr. Brimm did extensive work with the young people throughout the state.

While at the Louisville Seminary Dr. Brimm was assistant pastor at Clifton church under Dr. E. C. Stephens. Other pastorates were at Salem, Indiana, Felix Memorial church, Lexington, and Beechland church, Shively, Kentucky.

BUSINESS MEN IMPRESSED WITH FOUNDATION

The Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation has met with encouragement from the pastors over the state, but the laymen are even more enthusiastic about its worth to the denomination. Business men are loud in their praises of the denomination for providing this agency to handle Kingdom investments.

Men with means do not want to spend their entire income, but they believe in laying some aside for the future. They believe that it is a mark of wisdom for the denomination to put aside in trust funds a part of the large gifts for the Lord's work. While money is plentiful we should endow all of our institutions and agencies so that when slack times come there will be higher interest rates to support our work when it needs it most. Churches and individuals may send gifts of any size to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and the funds will be invested for whatever cause you may stipulate. If you would like further information, write to the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi.

board's budget for this year, while totaling \$2,500,000, is far short of the amount actually needed he said. And in the face of a need for 100 new missionaries now, there are less than 50 candidates available for appointment at the April meeting of the board, he concluded.

START A REVIVAL

Selsus E. Tull, Evangelist
Leavell Woods, Jackson, Mississippi

Out of a long experience and observation both as pastor and evangelist, I desire to add my word to the discussion of the Centennial Crusade. I have welcomed this movement with profound enthusiasm and with prayerful anticipation.

I vision this movement as only the beginning of an endeavor which should lengthen into years and which should expand to encircle the whole earth.

While statesmen, economists, and strategists are today debating international plans for a "postwar world," God's people should be devising means to match these political plans with the original "global" commission which Jesus gave to His churches after His resurrection. The political statesmen of the world are for the first time in history speaking in concepts of "global" establishments, but Jesus is the first man to lay out plans which include "all nations" and "every creature." The gospel of the kingdom of Christ has been international and inter-racial from the beginning.

There is no doubt but that global political changes are transpiring before our eyes. The life-habits of all peoples are being revolutionized. These convulsive changes demand a preparation by the churches for a world crusade in a spirit which has not possessed them since the days of Paul.

One thing the war will accomplish will be the opening of all continents to the unrestrained "invasion" of the ambassadors of Christ. When this war is over world-travel will be commonplace, and American citizens especially will be regarded as strangers in no land under the sun. The false philosophies of governments which have suppressed the liberties and aspirations of mankind will pass into eclipse. Inter-racial understandings will be rid of age-long prejudices and suspicions. The peace for which we pray and have a right to expect will dignify the importance of right standards of human relationships. The hearts of all races will be open to the healing and restoring message of the gospel.

The opportunity of all the centuries will be lost to Christianity if the custodians of Christ's kingdom on earth are not prepared to meet the challenge which lies ahead!

If by this crusade our churches can be "converted" to the "production" of spiritual instrumentalities in similar fashion to our American industrial war activities the victorious "Banner of the Cross" will be unfurled as the symbol of deliverance from sin and hopelessness to men and nations around the world!

This Centennial Crusade is keyed to the right objective to reach these ends. That objective is EVANGELISM! The power of every New Testament "Crusade" has been revival power. That has been historically true since the day of Pentecost. Among our churches in the last decades revivals have been subordinated to "methods" and "programs." Our people have devoted more time to attaining "standards" than to soul-winning. Perhaps these things have been providentially needed to gear us up and to provide facilities through which to reach the church membership for this crowning call to evangelism which is now upon us. If all our organizations can now be "bap-



(Answers on Page Fifteen)

1. What is the meaning of the word "Apocalypse," and its connection with the book of Revelation, known as known, how would you answer?

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2. Can you name the man who is said to have been the founder of the Christian church in Laodicea, to whom Paul wrote a letter of salutation?

...

3. In Acts 22:20 "martyr" is referred to, as well as in several other New Testament chapters. Can you explain the meaning of the word "martyr"?

...

4. If you were asked when the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) were written, and by what other title was the book of St. Matthew known, how would you answer?

tized" in the Spirit of Pentecost, we may confidently expect miracles of God's grace to be accomplished.

We must re-value the fact that the greatest power next to the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was the preaching of the gospel. In advancing the kingdom of Christ there is no more a substitute for preaching than there is a substitute for the Spirit. Every church which would get into the militant ranks of this crusade must start it with a revival, and follow that with more revivals.

A revival is the greatest enlistment agency for church membership. A revival is the quickest agency of destruction for religious indifference. The revival spirit multiplies soul-winners. A revival saves more souls than all other efforts of the church combined. A revival works public reforms. A revival exalts pastoral leadership. A revival unites and sweetens church fellowships. A revival displays all the instruments of spiritual preparedness with which Christ clothed His churches when He gave them His marching orders. A revival comes nearer being a "crusade" than any other force which may characterize Christians. A revival is Christ's plan of mass attack. A revival carries a divine charm which attracts lost people as nothing else can.

Planning is good, but a true revival will un-cover its own plans. Begin at the right place—Start a Revival! Let there be simultaneous revivals! Concerted revivals! Spontaneous revivals! The whole Southland aflame with ten thousand REVIVALS! God's Spirit of conquest waits to take the leadership of an aroused people!

My Favorite Sermon

Beginning soon The Baptist Record will publish a series of sermons entitled "My Favorite Sermon."

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They will present a cross section of the kind of preaching to which Mississippi Baptists listen Sunday after Sunday.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for March 18
THE LAW OF LIFE
Matthew 22, 23

This is the text of the lesson. As the paper shortage demands that less on the lessons be written, the demand grows that more emphasis be placed upon the reading. It is important that we read these chapters carefully, especially because we are drawing near the end of the account of our Lord's life as recorded by Matthew, and so are treading the ground of controversy between Him and the Jewish leaders. They were intent not upon arriving at the truth on any passage of the Word of God, but upon trapping Jesus in His talk, so that they might encompass His ruin. They have their successors in a class of people who are not concerned with learning what the word of God teaches that men in this world ought to be, but in picking out contradictions in the Bible, pointing to the difficulties in the world, calling attention to the inconsistencies in the lives of Christian people, and the weaknesses in the churches. But the Jews of this lesson, both parties of them—the Pharisees made an alliance with the Herodians at one stage of the proceedings—sought to frame questions in such manner that, no matter what Jesus gave, He would stand condemned by one party or another. His answers were in every case so overwhelmingly true to the revelation which they pretended to believe that He left them at the end of each answer speechless.

I. The Last Questioner. V. 35.

The Pharisees managed now to lay hands on a real inquirer, a student of their law, who is exercised on a question much discussed, one to which different answers are given, and one of great importance. The Pharisees suggest that this lawyer carry his question to Jesus—a good suggestion, since this law-student was sincere in his desire to know—and the lawyer forthwith did it. Those who sent the lawyer were actuated by sinister motives, but the law was not, I think, but sincerely desirous of getting at the truth. Of course, as Matthew says, the lawyer was "tempting" Jesus in the sense that his question posed a trial of Jesus' understanding of the law. Read Mark's fuller account of the incident in 12:28-34, and you get a far more favorable impression of the lawyer.

II. The Question. V. 36.

"Which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Or, What elements in a commandment give it primary position? Of course he was not asking which of the Ten Commandments was first. This lawyer undoubtedly knew all 613 of the commandments which the Jewish lawyers had deduced from the Ten. His question concerned the matter of the ranking of the commandments in the order of their importance.

III. The Lord's Answer to the Question. Vv. 37-40.

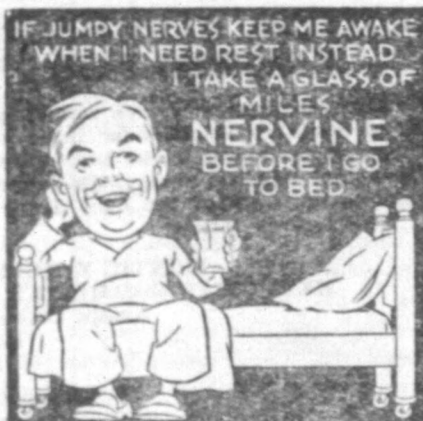
See how great a thing it was to give this answer for the first time! The two-fold answer He gives by quoting two passages not found in the Ten Commandments, but lying far apart

in the word of God, which two are nowhere before spoken of as the first and second commandments. In our Lord's bringing of them together, we recognize both a miracle of genius and a flash of inspiration, in the instantaneous bringing of these two passages together so as to furnish a summary of the law beyond all praise. That one short answer to a sudden question is of more value in morals than all the writings of all the ethical philosophers from Socrates to Herbert Spencer.

IV. The Commandments. Mark 12:29-31.

Please read this passage. "The Lord our God is one Lord." The growing conception of a unity runs through all investigation. (1) The cosmos is a universe. Every star and constellation are bound into one with every other. (2) All light on this earth is one light—sunlight—whether it shine upon us at mid-day, or play upon us from a tallow dip, or fall upon us from a coal grate or a wood fireplace, or beam upon us from an electric light bulb, it is all sunlight. (3) All life is at its source, one life, and flows down from the source of all life. (4) No gods, but one God. Name them, a thousand, gods that have died and been forgotten. One God lives on.

"Thou shalt love the Lord. . . ." No mere sentiment, this love, but an unreserved yielding of the whole being to Him, to channel His love to the world, to work His will in the world, with all the heart, mind, soul, strength. Thou shalt set God first in all thy living, making His ends the aim of all thine endeavor. And next to God, thy neighbor.



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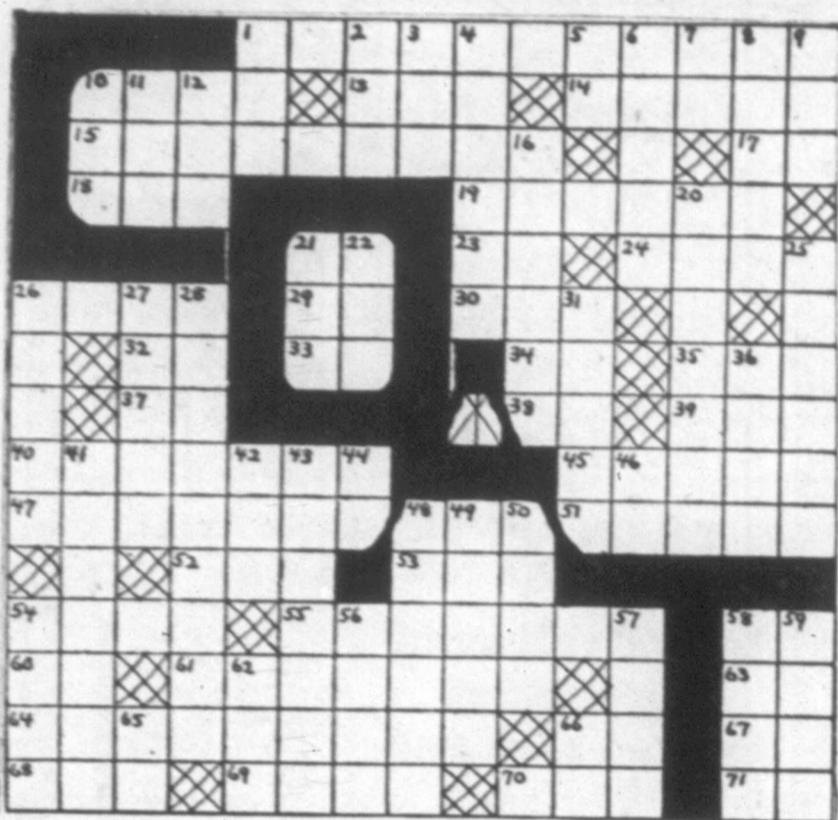
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- 14 Jacob had . . . sheep, Gen. 30:32.
- 15 "painted with . . ." Jer. 22:14.
- 17 Part of the Bible.
- 18 "not . . . and nay," 2 Cor. 1:18.
- 19 "clothed in . . ." Luke 16:19.
- 21 A chief place in Moab, Num. 21:28.
- 23 Hymn measure.
- 24 Vitriols; rosy (anag.).
- 26 Unites.
- 29 ". . . are the salt of the earth."
- 30 Recede.
- 32 His highness.
- 33 Name of an altar, Josh 22:34.
- 34 God in Hebrew names.
- 35 Split pulse.
- 38 Radium.
- 39 Measure.
- 40 Without action.
- 45 Hull of a ship.
- 47 Church dignitary.
- 48 Coloring material, Isa. 63:1.
- 51 Chinese prostration.
- 52 Brother.
- 53 Uncle (S. Afr.).
- 54 King of Israel, I Kings 16:22.
- 55 "nor foolish . . ." Eph. 5:4.
- 58 Exist.
- 60 Canadian province.
- 61 "a thread of . . ." S. of S. 4:3.
- 63 Southern state.
- 64 61 across was made from an insect resembling the . . .
- 66 Exclamation.
- 67 Home of Abraham, Gen. 11:31.
- 68 "even unto the . . . of the world."
- 69 "have seen his . . . in the east."
- 76 "fire shall . . . every man's work."
- 71 Plural suffix.

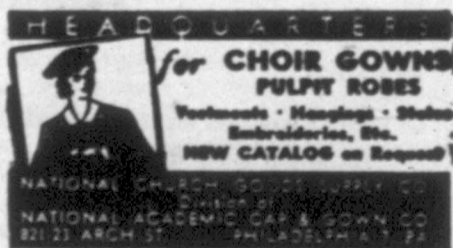
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- 3 He said to Samuel, "Go, lie down."
- 4 "thy . . . shall be my . . ."
- 5 Stibium.
- 6 Harvests.
- 7 Hawaiian bird.
- 8 Machine used on grains.
- 9 Explosive.
- 10 Climbing shrub.
- 11 River in Scotland.
- 12 Epoch.
- 16 "So teach us to . . . our days."
- 20 Noisiest.
- 21 Always.
- 22 "for the sky is . . ."
- 25 "and her feathers with . . . gold."
- 26 Fragments.
- 27 "they shall be as . . . as snow."
- 28 19 across and 58 down were made from a small Mediterranean . . .
- 31 "I am . . . but comely."
- 36 Dog of tropical America.
- 41 "though they be red like . . ."
- 42 "Bow down thine . . ." Ps. 31:2.
- 43 In a standing position.
- 44 Direction.
- 46 Army order.
- 48 Coin.
- 49 Rustic.
- 50 Send out.
- 54 "God speaketh . . . yea twice."
- 56 Extent.
- 57 ". . . hairs are here and there."
- 58 A color Mordecai wore, Esther 8:15.
- 59 "green . . . of corn," Lev. 2:14.
- 62 Father of Saul, Acts 13:21.
- 65 Cadmium.
- 66 Part of the day.

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Durham, N. C.—(RNS)—The Rev. Ernest J. Arnold, executive secretary of the North Carolina Council of Churches, has protested what he terms the "Government's act of discrimination in its order governing conferences and conventions which specifically allows athletic events, but very definitely limits, curtails and even forbids the holding of religious conferences."

"As a result of the government order," he said, "there has been, during the last month, a cancellation of more than a score of important religious conferences affecting every phase of religious life. Yet, on the other hand, Raleigh, on Feb. 22-24 plays host to the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament, and from good authority I learned that fully 3,000 people are expected to attend. (Editor's note: The Southeastern Conference Tournament was also held at Louisville, Kentucky.)

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Again in figures we see something of the love and loyalty of Mississippi Baptists and of Southern Baptists for the Lord Jesus Christ and His WORK. These figures represent contributions to Southwide and Worldwide causes only. They show that Mississippi Baptists along with their fellow Southern Baptists are growing in support given to the work of the Lord Jesus beyond home state boundaries.—D. A. McCall. The figures follow:

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Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary
February, 1945
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Arkansas	7,577.60	5,458.71		13,036.31
Arizona	404.30	840.02		1,244.32
California				
District of Columbia	3,406.64	2,160.24		5,566.88
Florida	14,191.13	20,915.65		35,106.78
Georgia	14,343.94	8,834.36		23,178.30
Illinois	5,904.98	5,134.33		11,039.31
Kentucky	29,175.98	13,309.15		42,485.13
Louisiana	11,525.15	11,089.59		22,614.74
Maryland	3,217.72			3,217.72
Mississippi	18,036.38	31,536.32		49,572.70
Missouri	15,007.24	16,635.13		31,642.37
New Mexico	1,279.12	1,017.43		2,296.55
North Carolina	24,198.57	28,362.46		52,561.03
Oklahoma	13,639.19	19,978.97	2,841.97	36,460.13
South Carolina	25,074.10	181.50		25,255.60
Tennessee	46,595.34	32,316.89		78,912.23
Texas	66,666.66	20,344.08		87,010.74
Virginia				
Totals for Month	\$313,848.57	\$228,378.62	\$2,844.97	\$ 545,072.16
Year to Date	629,860.49	582,681.32	2,851.97	1,215,393.78
1944 to Date	385,079.27	490,133.53	9,866.93	885,079.73

DISBURSEMENTS

	Current month	Year to date
HTC Fund (R&A Board)	\$ 2,844.97	\$ 2,815.97
S. B. C. Budget Fund	9,415.46	18,895.83
Foreign Mission Board	361,056.71	847,907.16
Home Mission Board	71,208.98	144,244.83
Relief and Annuity Board	46,944.82	93,790.63
Southern Baptist Hospital	17.50	33.65
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	15,204.63	30,890.84
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	15,461.18	31,065.41
Baptist Bible Institute	13,995.37	27,919.13
W. M. U. (Training School and Designated)	2,998.78	6,055.74
American Baptist Theological Seminary	5,841.79	11,656.40
Miscellaneous (Religious Objectors)	82.00	82.00
TOTAL	\$545,072.16	\$1,215,393.78

Centennial Crusade Calendar

April:

- (1) Centennial Thank Offering, April 15 (or nearest convenient Sunday).
- (2) Southwide Simultaneous Associational Training Union Day, April 24.
- (3) Relief and Annuity Board (and offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers).
- (4) Christian Literature and Church Libraries.
- (5) Sunday School Training Courses.

MOBILE PASTOR PLANS TO WIN 25

Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor, Dauphin Way church, Mobile, Alabama, suggests that in lieu of Convention week, pastors put on a personal soul winning effort during the week of May 6 in addition to holding a meeting as suggested by Dr. M. E. Dodd.

Dr. Hobbs plans to try to win personally 25 people during the week of May 6. He thinks that this can be done in addition to holding a meeting.

Concerning his plan, Dr. Hobbs writes:

"Ordinarily the pastor leaves his local work with its many calls and problems to spend a week at the convention. Already I have asked our church to be as considerate as possible of the pastor's time during that week that he might give every possible moment to personal soul winning. If even 10,000 of our Southern Baptist pastors would do this, we could win 250,000 people to Christ during that one week.

DEDICATORY SERVICE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL MARGARET MCRAE LACKEY MEMORIAL NURSES' HOME Sunday, March 18, 1945 1:00-1:30 P. M.

Broadcast over WSLI from the Chapel of the nurses' home.

Announcement, by D. C. Simmons, president of the Board of Trustees, Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Resolution from the Board of Trustees, by Dr. J. P. Wall, secretary of the Board of Trustees.

"What Miss Lackey Means to the W. M. U.," by Mrs. Webb Brame.

"What Miss Lackey Means to the Baptist Denomination," by Dr. P. I. Lipsey.

"What Miss Lackey Means to Her Church," by Dr. C. B. Bowen, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church.

"What Miss Lackey Means to the Mississippi Baptist Hospital," by Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy.

Message from Miss Lackey read by Miss Elizabeth Kethley.

Chorus by student nurses of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital.

Closing prayer, by Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor First Baptist Church.

Yesterday at the executive meeting of the Lauderdale County Baptist Association The Baptist Record received a word of deserved praise. Brother Sumrell remarked that he was pleased to find our people denominationally minded all over the state. Someone asked the reason for this great interest in our work. And you should have heard the chorus which responded in answer saying "The Baptist Record." You through your efforts have planted the good seed and the harvest is proving to be a bountiful one.—R. H. Fitzgerald.



REV. J. H. PENNEBAKER
SUMNER-WEBB PASTOR GOES TO LOUISIANA

After a pastorate of seven and one-half years, Rev. J. H. Pennebaker has resigned the Sumner and Webb churches to accept the full time church at Jackson, La. Rev. Pennebaker was student secretary at Mississippi Southern from 1927-31. He returned to Mississippi in the fall of 1937 after a pastorate in Greenville, S. C.

In addition to the two half-time churches, he served two rural churches—Friendship No. 2 and Brazil. A total of 550 members was received into his churches during his pastorate, and the work in all of them has moved steadily forward.

Sumner and Webb were among the first churches in the state to adopt the Ministers' Retirement Plan. Both churches have led the association in per capita gifts through the Cooperative Program, and all four churches have the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The Webb church has been dedicated free of debt. Money is now in hand to redecorate the interior of Sumner church. At Friendship No. 2 a Sunday school addition has been built, the church building has been re-roofed and repainted inside and out, an attic fan installed, and the church has been placed on a sound financial basis. The church at Brazil, near Sumner, was organized in 1941 and now has a substantial sum on hand with which to erect a house of worship.

For seven years Rev. Pennebaker has served as clerk of the Tallahatchie County Association, and was elected last fall to represent the association on the state board.

Radio Committee Offers Free Radio Transcriptions

Six 15-minute transcribed messages on "The Christian Home," Dr. T. F. Adams speaker, are available for broadcast over your local radio station during Christian Home Week, May 6-13. These messages by Dr. Adams are superb, and will make a good contribution to the home in any community.

Any pastor or other local leaders who are interested could arrange with the local station manager at once for the use of these transcribed messages. Upon your request, we will gladly send the records directly to your station. Write the Radio Committee, S. B. C., S. F. Lowe, Director, 427½ Moreland Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

PROGRAM FOR QUARTERLY MEETING OF LEAKE COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION To Be Held With Salem Baptist Church March 16

- 10 o'clock to 10:10—Song and Prayer Service—A. D. Richardson.
- 10:10 to 10:30—Devotional—Howard Carpenter, superintendent of Marydell school.
- 10:30 to 10:40—Announcements.
- 10:40 to 11:15—The Centennial Crusade—J. L. Moore.
- 11:15 to 12:00—Inspirational Message—Marten V. McKinster, Clarke College.
- 12:00 to 1:00—Lunch served by women of Salem church.
- 1:00 to 1:30—Program by Clarke College Students.
- 1:30 to 2:00—Conserving the Results of Our Revivals—Rev. H. W. Shirley.
- 2:00 to 2:30—God's Word on Financing His Work—Rev. George Smith.
- 2:30 to 3:00—Our Churches Preparing for Peace—A. A. Ward.
- All are invited.—A. A. Jackson, pastor.

BULLOCK TELLS APPRECIATION OF CHURCH'S PLAN

Sgt. Gordon L. Bullock, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bullock, 815 Sedgewick street, McComb, recently wrote the letter below in answer to one sent him by the Southside Baptist Church.

This program, instituted under direction of the pastor, Rev. R. R. Jones, five, church members say.

Sgt. Bullock, who is in the Signal Corps of the U. S. Army Air Force, took part in the invasion of Leyte.

His letter follows:

Philippine Islands,
January 10, 1945

Southside Baptist Church,
McComb, Miss.

Dear Friends:

Today I received another one of your nice letters. It does me a great deal of good to receive these letters and to read over the list of names signing them.

There are times when the going gets rough. When bombs are dropping all around and the snipers are firing at us it is a great help and comfort to know that there is such a thing as prayer and that we have Christian people at home backing us in every way.

Bombs are things the individual cannot fight back and lying in a foxhole is our only protection. Many times I have doubted seeing another dawn. But someone has willed that it will come and with faith and prayer they shall continue to come.

Thanks again for everything and may the coming of the next New Year see the world again at peace. It did me a great deal of good to hear the Filipinos voice their appreciation of again being able to attend church, to celebrate Christmas, and to attend school. These will be the fruits of peace for the world when an end comes to this slaughter and massacre.

Yours sincerely,
GORDON L. BULLOCK.

To all concerned: Almost every day we receive an article or a letter with the following notation, "Please copy and return," or "Return when you have used this." WE COURTEOUSLY ASK ANY WHO CONTEMPLATES SENDING US ARTICLES OR LETTERS TO PLEASE SEND US COPIES ONLY AND RETAIN THE ORIGINAL. We are having our labor troubles just as other people and we do not have the time to copy letters. Those who send them should do the copying.

CIRCULATION THIS WEEK - - - 49,447
553 Will Make It 50,000

Know Your Bible Answers

Feature on Page 12

1. (Meaning of "apocalypse"): The word means "revelation" which is derived from the Greek word "apokalypsis." John the divine (and others) endeavored to encourage their countrymen in the severe days of the reign of the Roman Emperor Domitian, who was planning to wipe out all Christianity.

2. (Founder of Christian church in Laodicea): His name was Epaphras, a Christian, who was no doubt the minister of the church. He came to Paul, a prisoner in Rome, to tell him (Paul) of his church, and to join the apostle in sending letters of salutation.

3. (The word "martyr" and its meaning): Paul refers to Stephen as "thy martyr Stephen" (Acts 22:20) when he addressed God. In the Greek, "martyr" literally means "witness," as used in Matthew 18:16 (for example), "in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

4. (St. Matthew and the four gospels): The first gospel (Matthew) was not written, but presented orally. In ancient manuscripts, St. Matthew's book was known as "Kata Matthaion," which meant, "according to Matthew." The four gospels were not written until several decades (ten years) after the ascension of Jesus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE March 11, 1945

	SS	BTU
Newton	231	
Bear Creek, Attala County	57	
Hardy	102	
Liberty	186	
Summit	157	133
Ackerman	121	37
Tocowa, Panola County	43	19
New Albany	467	136
Clarke-Venable, Decatur	189	82
Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg	195	145
Brookhaven	517	115
East McComb	319	123
Cross Roads, Webster	69	
Crystal Springs	541	152
Wallerville	81	48
Rocky Creek, George County	64	50
Agricola	75	94
West Point	374	97
Enon, Panola County	75	72
Oldtown, Calhoun County	96	40
Louisville	415	68
Wayesboro	191	47
Daniel, Jackson	119	66
First, Jackson	1,060	268
Griffith Memorial, Jackson	622	306
Calvary, Jackson	1,202	307
West Laurel	391	123
Parkway, Jackson	524	173
Northside, Jackson	137	36
Wellman, Lincoln	42	58

Having the EVERY FAMILY Plan at Bruce, Rev. L. F. Haire led his afternoon church, Ellard (Calhoun county) to make The Baptist Record a part of its program.

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THERE ARE WORK AND FRUITS FOR ALL

By E. D. Hurst, Laurel

At the last session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention provision was made for a definite enlargement of our denominational program. The convention board and executive committee were empowered to plan and to expand the work in three new departments, as a part of our 1945 Centennial Crusade.

The first and foremost emphasis is on evangelism. The churches and departments with all of their facilities are expected to major on soul-winning. Regular and special mission funds will be larger and the departments are enlisting and training more workers that the soul winning program may be extended to every part of the state. Special funds have been allocated to provide educational opportunities for preacher groups. More money will be used in the Sunday school and the Baptist Training Union extension work in direct soul-winning efforts. The W. M. U. will have a larger training program through the churches, associations and special fields. Every church is expected to have one or more revivals during the year. The associational units of the convention are encouraged to undertake definite Christian training work and evangelism in all of the churches. In much of this work state board executives and many specially trained leaders will have a part. Many local workers will be trained and give their time and talents to promote the whole program. This will be the most comprehensive and far-reaching Christian crusade our people have ever promoted. The results will be increased Christian training, many church members reclaimed for service, a great number of souls won to Christ and enlisted in the church program, and the material resources and facilities of our churches greatly advanced. Our whole denominational program will be enlarged on a sound basis, and our leadership quickened to the work of the kingdom. The "Romance of Missions" can be read in every outline of the program from week to week. The work this year will be the foundation for the future.

We are now in the third month of the Centennial Year. Much organization and training work has been done. The promotional and inspirational part of the program is now starting. Certainly the state board executive office and department leaders have done and are doing a full share to get every unit off to a good start. The churches and pastors and local leaders now have the field and must play a big part until the goal is won.

Some new departments in the work are not yet active. The executive committee has not been able to secure the leadership to establish and promote the work expected. The Brotherhood, the Baptist Student Union, and the music and song evangelist leaders have not been secured. A great deal of time and work and prayer have been given to the search for leaders in these fields. Competent leadership and full activity in these departments would do much toward the accomplishment of the goals sought. Keen interest and efforts will continue until these departments are active.

In setting up the program and securing trained and efficient workers our executive leaders find a tragic need of more men and women in the

"GOD HAVE MERCY ON AMERICA"

W. W. Adams in The Baptist Leader

On one train trip of sixteen hours, I saw ten times more drunkenness than I saw during all the years of prohibition. Two days before I left Philadelphia, every place that handled liquor over an area covering several city blocks was "shut tight" by order of the mayor. Two recent deaths in that area, by violence, inflamed by drink, had led to this executive order.

Then came the train trip. About half the trip was made in coaches. In my coach were three soldiers so drunk that they had to be led to their seats. On the platform between two coaches gathered a group of men. The bottle went round and round. The noise was terrific. People could scarcely get through. I saw women try to pass, and turn back for fear of their safety.

At a certain station, a man, nearly forty, and two boys got on the train; one of the boys was the man's son. This son had graduated from high school the night before. The family lived in another state. The father had come down to the graduation, and the two, together with the son's friend, were going back home. The father sat down by me. Proudly he told me about his son's achievements. Then he asked me to drink with him. I refused. He said he did not wish his son, who was some seats away, to know he had this liquor. In spite of all I could do, he took four drinks within an hour, each time returning to his seat a little more intoxicated.

Hour upon hour we lived in bedlam. The three soldiers already described, the bunch out on the platform, and now this drunken father! The women had to listen to profanity. The drunken man tried to put his arm around the women. One young lady, sitting in front of him, had been traveling three days. She tried to sleep. Once this man would have sat down on her, if I had not caught him. He would wake her up, ruffling her hair, pulling at her.

The two boys and the rest of us, including the conductor, did all we could to quiet him. The conductor was so busy with his passengers and with other drunks that he could do little for us.

That poor son! What a homegoing! For hours he begged, petted, cajoled

field of Christian activity. Our churches and our denominational work need trained and consecrated workers. There is a great demand for trained Christian young men and women.

The search for properly trained leaders in the three new departments of work authorized by the convention, and the great need in our church and mission programs, give emphasis to the need of a place in our denominational schools and colleges to train students for special Christian work. We have a real vocational need. Hundreds of churches and pastors see the need of educational directors, music teachers and song leaders, church secretaries, and young people's sponsors. This leadership is essential to church organization work, and it must be done if the proper programs are provided for the membership.

The work of the churches and the denomination in this 1945 Centennial Year is going to reveal a great many very practical needs, and our pastors and leaders should be on the alert to plan rightly and provide for the church and denominational programs.

MRS. ETTA WALLER PATTERSON

On December 19, 1944, God called unto Himself the beloved president of our Missionary Society, Mrs. Etta Waller Patterson. She was both a cherished member of our society and a teacher of a class of Junior girls in our Sunday school.

We count it a privilege to pay tribute to the loving memory of one who likewise was "precious in the sight of the Lord," whom she loyally served through the years in many capacities.

We feel deeply our great loss in her going, not only because of the splendid service she rendered, but because of her radiant personality. It could just be said of her, "None knew her but to love her."

Long will linger precious memories of this universally loved woman, neighbor, and friend.

"To the promised land she has gone,
To the land of perfect rest,
Her work is done, and the setting sun
Has sealed her life's request."

Lovingly submitted by the committee:

Mrs. E. C. Bufkin,
Mrs. R. R. Little,
Mrs. C. D. Rhymes.

REPORT MOST BAPTIST CHURCHES IN FRANCE INTACT

By Religious News Service

London—(By Wireless)—Only a few Baptist churches in France were destroyed or damaged during the German occupation, according to a letter received here from the Rev. Henri Vincent, president of the Baptist Federation of France.

"This is nothing compared to the last war, when almost all Baptist buildings in Northern France were destroyed and the congregations dispersed," the French pastor wrote. He stated that only one young Baptist minister had been taken to Germany as a hostage.

Reporting a deepening of faith among French Baptists, Pastor Vincent stressed the need for theological training facilities to supply a lack of clergymen.

On Sunday, March 4, Dr. Norman W. Cox began his eleventh year of pastoral service to the membership of the First Baptist Church, Meridian. During the ten years of his ministry 1732 persons have been received into the fellowship of the church and \$392,260.00 has been contributed. The chairman of the Board of Deacons, B. J. Carter, Jr., on behalf of the church expressed the appreciation of the church for the faithful and sincere service of Pastor and Mrs. Cox and gave them a check and the definite instruction to take a month's vacation and rest.

his father, trying to quiet him. Finally the father got angry. I had to leave or fight him. The son took my place. The father finally arose, struck the son, the two fell over in the seat, the son's head striking the window. Bleeding and unconscious the boy lay there.

I talked with the conductor. He said it was just as bad in the other cars. The conductor said this was only a normal night on his run. But there had been one exception. A few nights before, they had hauled a carload of aviators from Scotland—not a drop of liquor in the bunch! And I prayed, "God have mercy on America."

If God can bless us greatly as we are now, then history is a lie, and the Bible is not true. Folks, get ready for suffering—for God's judgment must strike us.—Western Recorder.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION GIVEN "FULL CREDIT" FOR HALTING GAMBLING

Springfield, Ill.—(RNS)—Full credit for halting the re-opened commercialized gambling in this city was given to the Springfield Ministerial Association by the Citizen's Tribune, a weekly news publication here.

The newspaper declared that gamblers had schemed to reutrn punch boards, dice games, and other devices to the city's taverns and cigar stores after an election-time ban had been imposed last November. The return of gambling was stopped under orders of the police chief less than a week after play had resumed, and as church goers prepared to voice their opinion on commercialized gambling.

WAR LABOR BOARD UPHOLDS DRUNKENNESS

A strike was threatening against the Baltimore Transit Company because they had dismissed a motorman for drunkenness while on duty.

Says the Baltimore Sun, one of America's great dailies, "The War Labor Board ordered the motorman reinstated on the grounds that his moral obloquy was not to be considered sufficient cause for firing him." In other words, says the pro-liquor War Labor Board, a man at the motor of a street car endangering the lives of innocent people is well within his rights.

Says the Baltimore Sun: "Thus we arrive at a definition of the term 'moral obloquy'—a term whose meaning is probably obscure to most people. Moral obloquy is the act of taking on a load of liquor before you take on a load of passengers and attempt to pilot them safely through a crowded city. Don't let anybody tell you that the load of liquor affects the motorman's efficiency in taking care of his load of passengers. Under the precedent a motorman who gets drunk while on duty is only being morally obloquacious and the company must not discipline."

The liquor people, by aid of the government, are busy and, with success, shaping the public conscience that it is quite gentlemanly and lady-like to get drunk, and that no one has the right to interfere, even though his life is endangered.—First Baptist Advance, Abilene, Texas.

POSSIBILITIES

Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it, and make it worth \$6,000—that is genius.

Rockefeller can sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth millions—that is capital.

Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it and make it worth \$20—that is money.

A mechanic can take material worth \$5 and make an article worth \$50—that is skill.

An artist can take a fifty-cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it and make it worth \$1,000,000—that is art.

God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity—that is salvation.—The Euclid Messenger.

Magnolia: Our total gifts for January were \$1,050. We sent \$308 to the Cooperative Program. We have in our building fund account a total of \$4,884.—Reporter.